Dennison, Margaret Rose, Bus Edgar, Helen Smith, Margarite Moore, Louise Smith, Pearl Auldridge, Allie Kelley, Virginia and Gaynelle Moore, Laura Nelson, Virginia Neel, Babe Wilson, Charlie Miles, Pan Hill, Sterle Shrader, etc. etc.

And I remember, forever, "G.D." walking the corridors and telling sea stories in chapel. I remember, too, Mr. Clutter's chapel rendition of Kipling's "Gunga Din"! We had various clubs--French, Glee, Literary, "pep", etc., and at football games would yell, "Boom-a-lacka, Boom-a-lacka, Bow, Wow, Wow! Chicka-lacka, chicka-lacka, Chow! Chow! Chow! Boom-a-lacka, chicka lacka, Who are we? Edray District High School! Can't you see?"

After the spring of 1927, I was in and out of college and taught ½ terms in the Pocahontas schools. My teaching and trying-to-get-through-college years were 1928-1938--the decade of the Great Depression.

My first school teaching experience was in the "Brush Country", at Pleasant Hill school. I boarded at Oley Jackson's and at Menafee's or--in good weather--walked from the Fairground road to the school house--quite a trek (3½ miles?) down-hill and up-hollow.

At Pleasant Hill, I had about 25 pupils in all eight grades, and though--as was common in these years--the plan had been for the big boys to "run me out of the school", I had my happiest year--in all my 35 years of school teaching--in the Brush Country School. I knew and visited over-night with the parents, and there were evenings of mountain music and popcorn and chestnuts roasting in the coals. And there were pie suppers, the Christmas pageant, and other community

sights at school. In school, I had several families of Wilfong children (first cousins) and the Wheeler children and the Waughs. I remember many of the Wilfong children--Granville's, Earl and Frances; Seebert's Clarence, Harry, and Catherine; Ress Wilfong's Milburn, Valley, and little Kate; and Asa Wilfong's little Elsie. There were the Menefee children, Starling and Evelyn; Eula, Edith, and Zoe Wheeler; Iris and Edith Dean; Rebecca Jackson; Elzie and Arch Waugh; and Denton Wilfong's Howard and Reed. It has been 46 years since I taught at Pleasant Hill, and Howard Wilfong died long ago in World War II. But I still remember Howard's red hair and freckles, and I remember Elzie Waugh--one of my favorite little boys--and I remember Eula Wheeler's neat arithmetic papers and Rebecca Jackson's little red coat. Outsiders would call the Brush Country school an "Appalachian Backwash", but to me it is, forever, my best school. The people were warm and friendly, the children learned gladly, and I was 19 years old, walking up the "Crick" on a September morning with the "fare-well-summers" all in purple bloom. It was that year--in Jackson's log house along the dirt road--that I began my first book of poetry, Mountain White. Because there was no heat in my bedroom, I wrote the book in bed--with bedquilts piled over me and a warm coverlid wrapped around my shoulders. I would write late at night by the oil lamp light. It was a good year, and I earned just short of $90.00 a month, paid $15.00 for my room and board, and saved some money for college fees.

My next school was at Slaty Fork. Paul Sharp was principal and Goldie Gaye Hannah and Rebecca Slavens the two other teachers in this

new, modern, brick "consolidated school". I boarded up on Elk--near Mary's chapel--with "Uncle" Bob and "Aunt" Ellie (Sharp) Gibson--who was truly a saint on earth. "Aunt" Ellie would get up before daylight, build the fires, and start breakfast. Then, she would kneel down in the sitting room and say her prayers "out loud"--praying for all her loved ones name by name--"God bless Allie, God bless Willie, God bless Little Sterl." Dear "Aunt" Ellie--with her work-gnarled hands and happy laughter and great steaming plates of hot biscuits and fried ham. And as she sang as she worked, I know there is--for her--that "land that is fairer than day."

Down at the Slaty Fork school, our first school buses ran in from Mace and from the top of Elk. That year Willie Gibson would not send his children to school. He was against consolidation and the yellow bus--long before the Supreme Court got the blame.

I remember Willie's and Stella's children--Goldie, Sterl, Louise (who was named for me) Glenna, and all. And down at school were Stanley Glee and Charmdlea Gibson, Wilda Smallridge (such nice handwriting), Lawrence and Wanda Lee Smith, Cecil Sage, Ruby Galford, Nancy Coberly, Warwick Gibson, and all the Maces, Hannahs, Van Deveners, Sharps, Warners, etc. And there were the Thomas children--little Harry is, today, a Medical doctor out West, and Willie's children are in Detroit and all over--but come home to the Gibson Reunion every year.

My next 3½ years of teaching were at Buckeye Graded ("the home school") where I taught "The Little Room". Hugh Moore and then Bill Buckley were my principals, and the children included Evelyn Cochran, "Teeny", "Sis", "Buck" and Juanita Howard; Grace, Dot, and Betty Rogers; Doris, Dorothy, and Margaret Miller; "Sis" and Junior Holley;

Claude Auldridge; George Duncan; Junior Jackson (expert in Mathematics); Guy Kellison--(excellent student); Fay and Fred Morrison; Eddie Palmer; Dempsey and Walter McNeill; Harry and Ernestine Cutlip; Ruth and Florence Auldridge; James and Russel Phillips; and all the rest.

At Buckeye school we had festivals and pie suppers and Christmas trees and cakes walks. At noon and recess we played "Prisoner's Base", "Run, Sheep, Run", "Pretty Girl Station", "Go in and out the Window", and stick ball.

The old school house is a ruin now, and the bell has gone from its proud white tower. But for us it still rings out across the village in the sweet September mornings, and all the children came running to line up for flag salute. Then we march in to our seats and stand there to sing "America", "My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty...." Then we bow our heads at the last verse and sing it very softly, "Our Father's God to thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing...."

In Feb. 1938, when I had saved enough money for tuition, I resigned my job and went to Miami University of Ohio to work on my M.A. Degree. Since then, I have returned only briefly--to visit, to spend a few weeks at the Miller Place (purchased 1941), or to teach college extension courses up at town. But in a very deep sense, the Pocahontas earth is still under my "bootsoles". It was a good world to grow up in, and I am grateful to have known it and to have drawn from its strength.

AUG. 30. 1976.

Dr. Douglas McNeill Pease, of Storrs, Connecticut, is to present a paper at the International Conference on the Physics of X-Ray Spectra, August 30, in Washington, D.C. Dr. Pease is the grandson of the late Dr. and Mrs. G.D. McNeill, of Buckeye.

Louise McNeill
April 14, 1976
Coventry, Conn. 06238

Teaching in West Virginia - Margaret Seabold Waugh

I graduated from Valparaiso University in 1930. It was during the great depression of the 30's. I resolved to take the first job offered in either mathematics or business education. I joined a teacher's agency and had an offer from Marlinton, and accepted. I was probably one of the first in my class to have a job assurance and was much envied.

I was born in Ft. Wayne. My family had lived there since the 1830's. When I said I was going to West Virginia my uncle thought I was "backsliding". The family was proud of getting as far west as the growing city of Ft. Wayne, on the three rivers.

That summer I had a letter from G. D. McNeill. He wrote that Dorris Giroulx would be a new teacher. She was a graduate of Ball State at Muncie. He suggested we might like to get in touch with one another, and make the trip east together. This is one example of his thoughtfulness. Dorris came to Fort Wayne and we made the trip together. We will never forget that trip. How glad we were for each other's company.

On the train from Ronceverte to Marlinton, one sees no towns and it is a long ride. I will never forget my first sight of Marlinton, as the train comes through a pass and one sees the town in the valley; it looked like an oasis to us.

Mr Brill met us at the station and presented us to Mr. Harper Smith, with whom we were staying that winter. MrsSmith was a very good cook; and we had a happy winter there. Ann Frazier also stayed there with us.

The other teachers were Eric Clutter, Paul Lord, Helen Hunter, Leta Beard, Polly Reynolds, Nancy McNeill, Delpha Snedegar, Priscilla Collins, and later Florence Price. Mr Flynn was Superintendent of Schools at that time.

I also roomed with Mrs. Wise Herold. Staying there also was Dorris Giroulx, Geraldine Haupt and her mother, Mrs. Olson and her daughter, Carolyn. Priscilla Collins had an appartment on the third floor, where I spent many happy hours.

In the year 1933-34 I stayed with Hycie Callison Sharp. Ann Dennison also roomed there. She turned out to be a future cousin! One of the first people I met when coming to Marlinton was Alice Waugh, never dreaming that in 1934 I would marry her brother Meade.

I have always felt I was guided to Marlinton. I enjoyed living there and knowing the people and the many students I had in my classes. I am very glad I can come back to Alice Waugh, Hud and Bruce Crickard, and West Virginia.

Margaret S. Waugh
(Mrs. Meade L. Waugh)

Recollections of the Civilian Conservation Corps. (CCC) 1933 - 1937

Written for the Lt Glen L. Vaughan

"Pocahontas County Bicentennial"

The C C C was established in March 1933 by an Act of the 73d Congress. It was an agency born of hope from the devastating economic and social catastrophe of the "great Depression".

The purpose of the CCC was generally twofold. First it was to provide a means whereby thousands of young men, from economically depressed families, could be given gainfull employment and at the same time assist their fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers at home. The second general purpose of the CCC was to provide the manpower for the conservation and renewal of our devastated forests and establishment of public parks and recreational areas throughout the nation.

CCC Camps, of about 200 men each, were setup at appropriate locations all accross the country. The Army was given the responsibility of administration, housing, clothing, feeding, paying and of having the men ready for work each day. At that time the Army in the United States was organized into Corp Areas. The V Corp comprised the states of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia. Fifth Corp Headquarters was located at Fort Hays, in Columbus, Ohio. Each state was a Military District. West Virginia District Headquarters was in Charleston. The districts were devided into sectors, Marlinton, Elkins, Richwood, Lewisburg, Clarksburg etc.

Various techancal services, i e, National Forest Service, State Forest Service, National and State Park Service ect, were given the responsibility for the ppojects of thecamps located in their forests or parks.

The first camps were established and administrated primarily by personnel form the Regular Army (There were a few Navy and Marine personnel)

It is intersting to recall that the Standing Army in 1932 was only about seventy thousand men, and a Privates pay was $21.00 per month. Gradually members of the Officers Reserve Corp were called to active duty and assigned to the CCC. The camps were operated as military companies, army clothing, bedding and feeding were handled on army basis. The Mess Officer was given a ration allowance, about thirty five cents per man per day. He bought fresh vegetables, fruit and other perishables from local suppliers and requisitioned "dry" stores from the Corps Area Quartermaster. (The purchase of a great deal of equipment, supplies and services within the local communities, was a considerable economic help during the depression) Most camps had their own vegetable gardens and some raised a few hogs and chickens. These projects were carried on by the men after working hours, and served to suppliment the regular army rations.

Each Enrollee was paid $30.00 per month of which $25.00 was sent to his parents by allotment and he would receive $5.00 in cash. In addition the Enrollee received housing, clothing, food and medical attention. Any one who lived during thoes depression days, knows of the economic help this $25.00 a month provided those families. The benefits derived by the thousands of young men who were given meaningful jobs in the CCC is immeasurable. Thousands of them learned skills which equiped them for good jobs later on. Many learned machine and equipment operation and maintance, welding, truck driving, forestry, surveying and many learned office skills such as typing and bookkeeping. Hundreds become cooks and medical assistants. Most of all it gave them hope at a time when things looked rather hopeless. When the country went to war in December 1941, the men with CCC experence performed a great service in forming the nucleusof administration for the rapidly expanding army.

The work performed by the CCC under the direction of the verious technical services was near miraculous. Prior to the CCC our forests and timber land were burned over almost without control, each spring and fall. Brush thickets and chared treetrunks covered our hillsides. Mountain streams were cloged and littered, and wild life suffered the ravages of this forest neglect. With the help of the CCC the Forest Service built fire roads, cleared up streams and planted millions of trees throughout the vast forests of our country. The Park Services built and rehabiliated hundreds of state and national parks all over the nation.

Today beautiful forests and parks stand as living evidence of the efforts of thousands of young men who were without hope, but were organized into one of the great "experiments" of our country to the benefit of themselves, their families and the enduring public good.

The writter was privileged to have had a part in the CCC. I had earned a commission as a Reserve Officer in the army through attendence at Civilian Citizen Military Training Camp during the summers of 1929 - 1932 so was ordered to duty durning the CCC expansion in the spring of 1935. I served in verious camps throughout West Virginia, including Black Mt. Camp F 15 and Camp Thornwood F 6 in Pocahontas County. My assignments ranged from Camp Commander, mess officer, exchange officer, finance officer, and on some occasions, all at the same time. As a very young officer I had to learn quickly, I made many mistakes and received much help from all sides. I want to mention a few people that I knew and was associated with in the CCC who were from Pocahontas County or who had connections there.

The only Reserve Officer with whom I was acquainted in the CCC from Pocahontas was Lt Quinn L. Oldaker of Durbin. He was a member of the Cadre that established Camp Thornwood. Capt Wilfred Jackson was at Black Mt. along with Lt Floyd Ingram. Capt Jackson lived a number of years in Marlinton and Lt Ingram was married to the forser Miss Billie Nelson of

Marlinton. Mr Bill Krasmer of Bartow was camp Superintendent at Black Mt. and Mr Pete Hanlon was Superintendent at Thornwood. Lt Fred Reilly married the daughter of Mr Tim Kannelle of Cass. Also several young ladies of Pocahontas found good husbands through the CCC. Among them wereMiss Kathryn Adkison, married Jullian Fawcett, and Miss Mable McNeill married "Bunk" Conrad of Hammond, Indiana.

While I was at Camp Nicholas at Cowan, Rev H. H. Orr, former Presbyterian Minister at Marlinton, who was at that timein Richwood, conducted services at least once a month at the camps in that area. Mrs Orr would play a portable organ which they carried in the trunk of their car. Rev and Mrs Orr were wonderful, unselfish people who served Gods childern wherever they found them. Mr. E. C. Dadwyler, long associated with the First National Bank in Marlinton, was during CCC days a banker in Webster Springs. He was always most helpful to the CCC personnel.

My Brother-in-law, Bruce Crickard served in several different camps including Camp Wattago where he helped supervise the building of the dam for Wattago Lake. Mr Odie Clarkson of Cass, who later lived in Marlinton, served with the technical service at Thornwood while I was there and Mr Neal McKissic, who settled in Marlinton, was an equipment operator at Black Mt. Ofcourse there were many more local people who served so well and contributed much to the success of the CCC.

The hard work, the snow, rain, mud and at times bitter cold or stifeling heat; the seemingly endless inspections, the "CCCpills" seem pretty small now in light of the lasting accomplishments in conservation of forests and parks, and of thousands of American youth of the "Great Depression".

Meade L. Waugh
May 31, 1976
Fort Wayne, Indiana

P. S. I am enclosing a copy of a Camp Paper "Thornwood Eagle" which tells something of the CCC from the vantage point of May 4, 1937

SPORTS

THORNWOOD DUST

With new equipment and uniforms ordered the spring sports season seems into its own at Camp Thornwood. With new rookies signing up in every branch of sports our Camp should take on new laurels....

The inter-camp schedule for the Sector has not been released as yet.

Tentative managers for the following sports are announced. They will serve until a permanent one is named:

Baseball -- Kyle Fisher
Softball -- "Yonk" Malson
Tennis -- Mr. Hanlon
Horseshoes -- Earl Bush
Volley ball -- Loyd Menear
Boxing -- "Art" Campbell

Let's show what we have in us by participating in at least one camp sport....

Now for the big leagues -- in the National league St. Louis seems to be running true to form. The Cincinnati "Reds" at the present time are a big disappointment.

In the American league the Yankees are also running true to form with the Philadelphia Athletics surprising everyone by playing 500 percent ball.

COMPLETE ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT IS PURCHASED

When a representative of The Sport Shop, located in Clarksburg, W. Va., visited Camp Thornwood last week, he came to the right place at the right time. Camp Thornwood needed athletic equipment and needed it badly. Only the bare necessities had been purchased in former seasons.

After looking over his stock of samples, the best of everything, the administration of this camp purchased the following bill of goods, everything the best that could be bought:

12 Baseball uniforms, complete with jersey, pants, socks and hats. These uniforms will be grey with a gold and blue trimming. They will have a 9" circle on the front, in which the Company number will appear. They will have the word THORNWOOD across the breast.

12 Softball uniforms, gold body with blue sleeves, white duck pants and blue caps.

9 fielder's gloves
1 Catcher's Mitt
1 1st Baseman's mitt
12 Bats, asst.
12 Balls, NA league
Sliding pads, athletic supporters, set bases, softball mask and catcher's glove.

DON'T FORGET TO WRITE

YOUR MOTHER ON

MOTHER'S DAY,

'NEXT SUNDAY,

MAY 9TH, 1937.

WIT AND HUMOR

Wife: "I've put your shirt on the clothes line, Jim".
Jim: "What odds did you get"?

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Blosser: "There's a moose loose".
Sam: "Are you English or Scotch"?

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User: "Was that a silent cop I just ran over"?
Art: "He isn't now".

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Arbella: "Who was the last man to lick John L. Sullivan"?
Cornell: "The undertaker."

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Customer: "Hmm here's a story about a collar button being found in a man's stomach."
Hash Slinger: "That must be false. How could a cow get under a bed room dresser?"

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"Frequent water drinking", said the specialist, "will prevent you from becoming stiff in the joints."
Williams: "Yes, but some of the joints don't serve water."

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Rookie: "Can you tell me the quickest way to the station?"
Durbin town cop: "Run, man."

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Campbell: "I wouldn't cash a check for my own brother."
Edgell: "Well, of course, you know your own family better than I do."

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Mr. Henley: "If you are good, Popeye I'll give you this bright new penny."
Popeye: "Never mind, you got a dirty old

Kissmore: "A good worker derives a great deal of pleasure when he steps back to view the effects of his work."
Mr. Brown: "Yes, unless he's a steeplejack."

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Gothard: "What are the prices of the seats, Mister?"
Usher: "Front seats, one dollar; back seats, fifty cents and programs five cents."
Gothard: "I'll sit on a program, please."

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Two colored boys were having an argument about ghosts. One of them claimed to have seen a ghost the night before.
"What was did here ghost doin' when you last seen him?" asked the doubting one.
"Jus' fallin behin', mistah, fallin behin', rapid."

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Bode: "I can't eat this soup."
Hennick: "I'm sorry, I will call Davis."
Davis: "I'm sorry, I will call Hensley.
Hensley: "What is the matter with this soup?"
Bode: "Nothing, only I don't have a spoon."

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Tahaney: "What is a cannibal, Popeye?"
Popeye: "I don't know."
Tahaney: "Well, if you ate your mother and father, what would you be?"
Popeye: "An orphan."

On April 1st the Technical Staff of Camp Thornwood was increased by one when Mr. M. S. Grimes reported for duty as Field Mechanic. Foreman Grimes came to P-6 from the Elkins Forest Service shop where he had been stationed for the last year. He has had wide experience in the mechanics field and under his supervision the monkey wrench crew are setting a new high in keeping the camp's machinery and trucks in tip-top shape.

MR. ROSE'S FAMILY NOW ONE LARGER

On the night of April 16th, the night guard, startled by a strange whirring sound in the air, looked up to see a huge white bird winging its way over camp. A strange specimen, he was unable to identify it until next day when a report from Dublin cleared the matter up once and for all. It was the stork. And it deposited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warden Rose a fine nine-pound boy who has been named Ben Allen. The Eagle welcomes little Ben and congratulates the Roses. It is predicted that he some day will be a timber survey man, cruising the timber his daddy is planting these days.

ROOKIES ARRIVE

All members of Co. 2586 take great pleasure in welcoming the rookies to Camp Thornwood.

In all 40 men have been enrolled here since April 1st. Twenty came from Elkins, W. Va.; Thirteen from Clarksburg, W. Va.; and S[illegible] from Huntington, W. Va. One [illegible] came from Greenbank, W. Va.

TWO KEY MEN LEAVE

Bernard A. Faust and Axel E. Hensley, one a 3½ year man and the other a two year man, will leave Camp Thornwood sometime in the coming week.

Faust came to Camp Thornwood from Camp Parsons with the cadre July 1, 1935. He held the position of Supply Sergeant here for one full year. Leaving there for his health, he went on the road. After a little more than six months on the road, he was again pressed into duty for the Army to fill Julian Caldwell's shoes at the vacant First Sergeant position.

Hensley came into Camp Thornwood from his acceptance station at Huntington, W. Va. July 25, 1935. He has spent most of his stay here in the kitchen either as first cook or as mess sergeant. He has been so successful at the latter position that other camps have sent their Mess Stewards here to learn his "technique". "Hefty" has made our Mess hall one of the best in the State, crowning his many achievements with the recently inaugarated individual table service, in which the KP's wait upon the entire company.

Both of these men will be very hard to replace. Both are leaving the organization to accept civilian employment.

Simon Davis has been understeading Hensley for a week and will be our new Mess Sergeant.

"Bill" Singhass will attempt to fill "Bernie's" shoes at the difficult job of First Sergeant.

TURKEYS LIBERATED ON LITTLE RIVER

On the morning of April 1st, our night guard, making his last round of camp just at dawn, was both astonished and alarmed to see Roscoe Houchin running up the company barefooted, clothed in only his g-i drawers and menacing a long-tom shot gun in his hands. Summoning his courage to the sticking point the night guard asked him what was amiss and Roscoe's answer is camp history: "I'm going Turkey hunting."

Later it was revealed the Roscoe's sleep had been disturbed by twenty-some semi-wild turkeys, which had spent the night messing up Frank Fedrick's file shop. Much mystery surrounded the turkeys until it was learned that they came from Camp Watoga the day before and were to be released on the Little River Game Refuge. Through a cooperative arrangement with the Forest Service the State Conservation department is establishing a 9000 acre game refuge on part of what is known as Game Demonstration Area #1, being managed at the present time by Game Technican Green. Already eighteen deer have been released in this refuge. The turkeys, which were liberated early in April, were also furnished by the State. In accordance with the stocking program of the Conservation Commission in the case of other State refuges it is expected that more game will be liberated in the Little River Refuge. It is our fervent hope that Mr. Houchin will be notified of future shipments of turkeys.

So as to make it more convenient for everyone the cooks of Camp Thornwood recently asked for and received permission to establish their quarters in the rear end of the Mess hall.

3 JR. ASSISTANTS ASSIGNED HERE

The endeavor of the President to provide civil service jobs for enrollees resulted in the addition of three men to the Technical staff of Camp Thornwood when three Junior Assistant to the Technican were assigned here. Bob Kinkead stepped out of the supply sergeant's quarters to don a forest green uniform and become Thornwood's contribution to the select group of young foresters. Teaming with Bob are Odie Clarkson from Cass, and Carlton Morrison from Kerens. Clarkson was formerly with Co. 2598 at Droop Mountain where he was Mess Steward. He is a veteran of almost four year's experience in the CCC. Morrison reported from Co. 2590 at Neola where he was prominent in Timber Survey activities and was forest service clerk for almost a year. Addition of these three young men brings the Technical Service to the highest point in the camp's history.

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Tony: "Did you say the man was shot in the woods last night Doctor?"

Dr.: "No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region."

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McNeely: "My uncle can play the piano by ear."
"Red" Smith: "That's nothing, my uncle fiddles with his whiskers."

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Johnson: "Gosh, I need five bucks and I don't know where to get it."
Ryalls: "I'm glad of that. I was afraid you thought you could get it from me."

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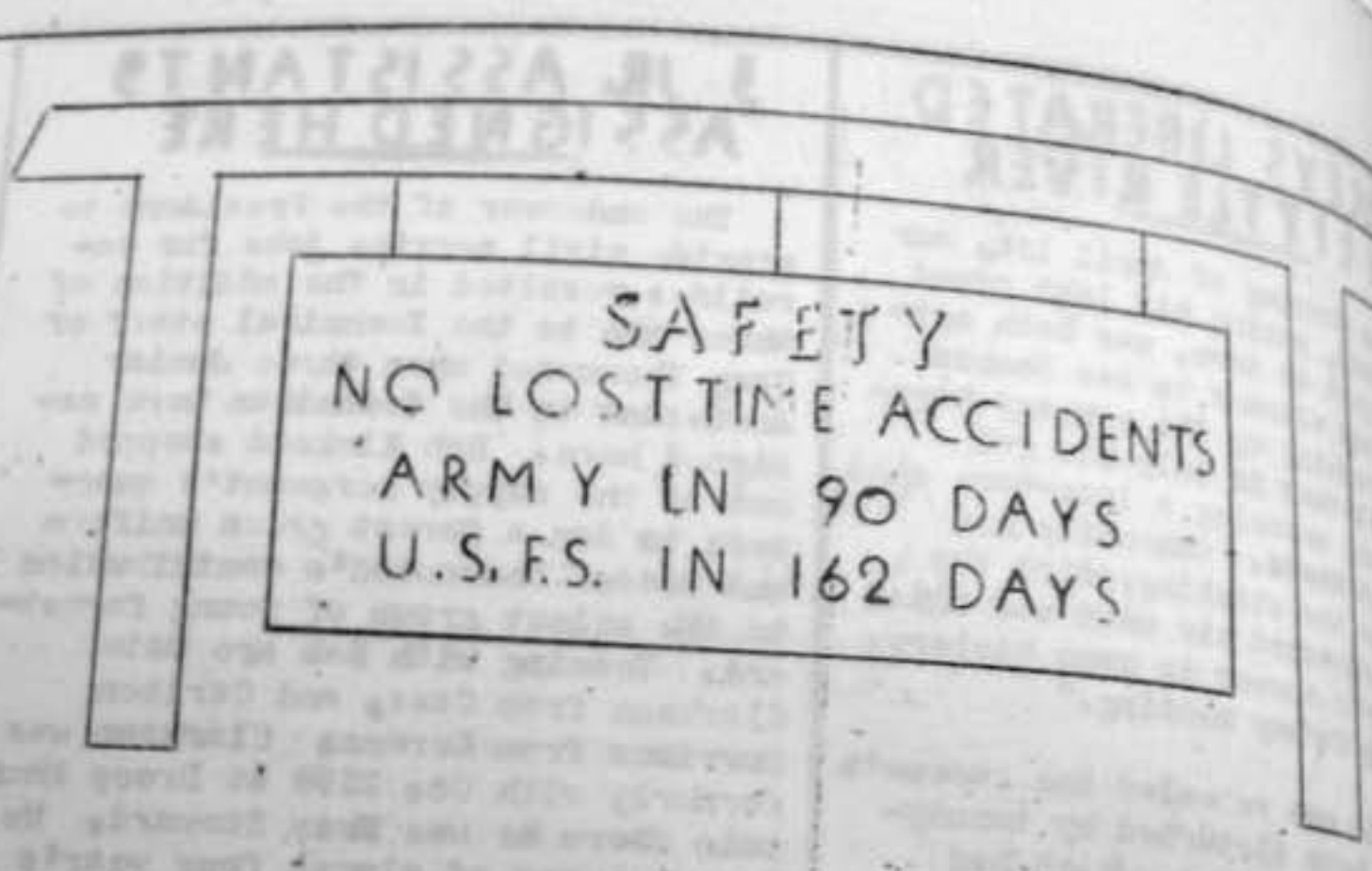
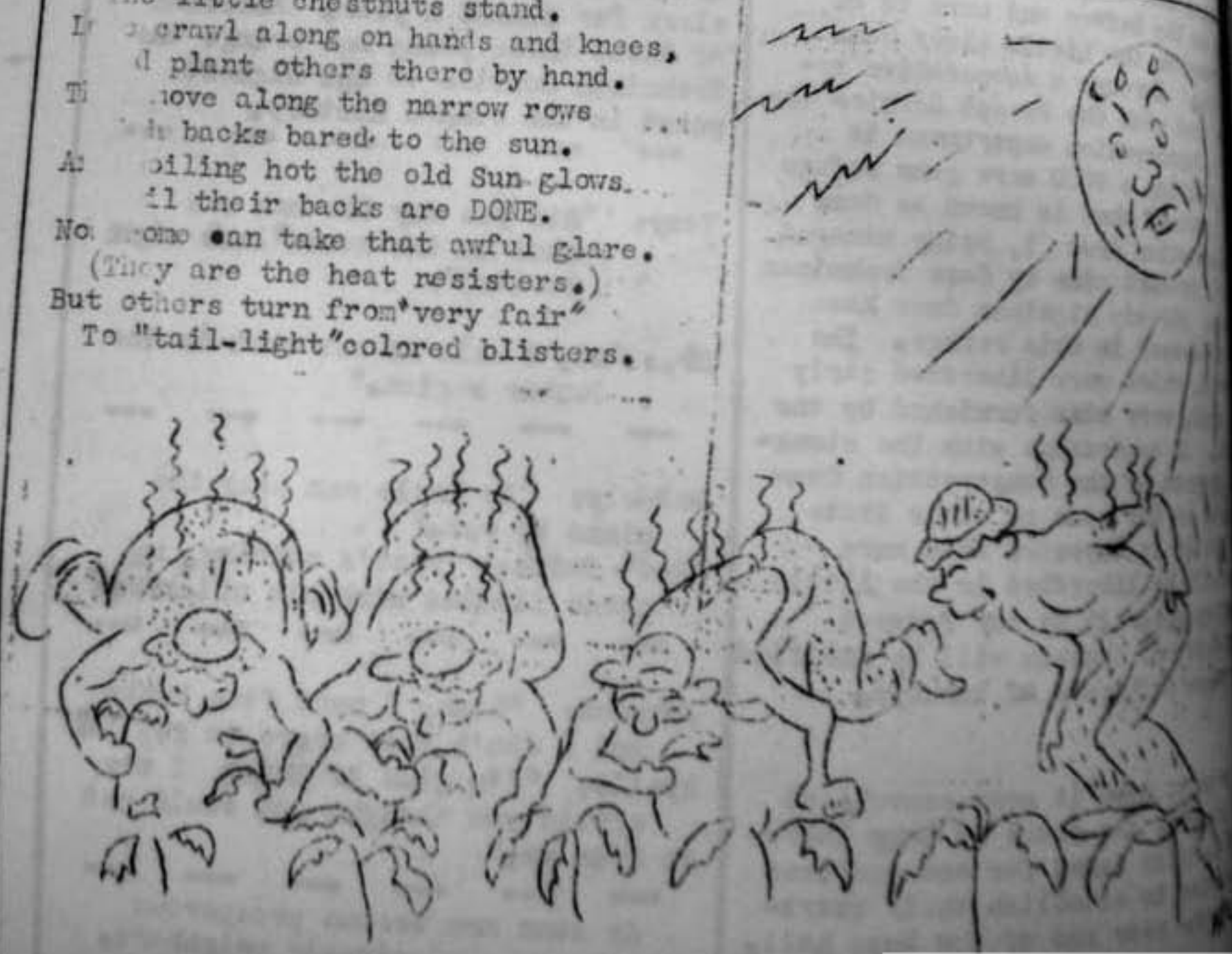
As some men become prosperous they become undesirable neighbors.



Under the sprouting C.C.C's
The little chestnuts stand.
In crawl along on hands and knees,
And plant others there by hand.
They move along the narrow rows
With backs bared to the sun.
And boiling hot the old Sun glows.
Till their backs are DONE.
No one can take that awful glare.
(They are the heat resisters.)
But others turn from "very fair"
To "tail-light" colored blisters.



THORNWOOD EAGLE

KEEP OUR SAFETY

RECORD INTACT

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FIRE ALARMS NUMEROUS OVER WEEKEND

PLANTING NEARLY HALF FINISHED

A planting training school was conducted at Camp Thornwood April 6&7, 1937. Notables from the Regional Office; Cheat, Greenbrier, White Sulphur and Gauley Ranger Districts; Parsons Nursery and visitors from the Soil Conservation Service and the State Forests attended.

After learning all about the planting of a tree, its relation to the developement of any area, its growth in the nursery and crew organization, the crew leaders were taken to the field for some practical presentation, mainly in the use of the "4 step method" of planting a tree. The men then returned to their home stations and tree planting began in earnest on three Ranger Districts, April the 8th.

With approximately 40 reenforcements from Camps White and Hutten, Camp Thornwood has planted some 378,365 trees of its allotted 800,000.

The crew averages to the first of May are shown below:

Isor	58,000	387
Collins	47,900	343

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The comparitive quiet of the spring fire season ended abruptly Saturday, May 1st, when the fire bell rang no less than four times.

Foreman Rose with Houchins, Collins, Rexrode's and Smith's crews were called back to camp from their work project at 2:00 p.m. Saturday to act as snap crews in case of fire.

The first alarm sounded at 2:10 p.m. and Rose with 20 men took off for Big Run in Pendleton County at 2:11 p.m. He arrived at the scene of the fire at 3:17 p.m. and called 20 more men from camp from the Gatewood Tower telephone. Mr. Hoskins, Asst. Ranger, and Mr. Hanlon, Proj. Supt., arrived shortly. Mr. Hoskins, acting fire boss ordered 60 additional men from Camps Laurel Fork and White.

The fire, which was caused by fishermen, was in second growth hardwood, bracken fern and slashing and was corralled and under control at 6:18 p.m. The last of Thornwood's 60 men left the scene of the fire at 10:00 p.m., the fire truck leaving at that time. Supt. Sutton with His Laurel Fork boys patrolled the fire all night. They turned it over to Warden Rose and ten men Sunday morning, who in turn turned the mop-up job to Foreman Thompson and 10 fresh men at noon (Cont. on page 4)

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HEARTY COOPERATION

When the athletic-minded enrollees of this company met recently to discuss the problems of the spring and summer sports program, one of the main questions was the shortage of almost every kind of athletic equipment.

When this question was brought before the administration, they immediately took inventory of the number and condition on hand, and with the best interests of the company at heart, purchased some $246.00 worth of equipment.

This whole-hearted cooperation should, and we are sure it will, induce the personal of this company to produce their utmost in completing the splendid new baseball diamond.

The Technical Service and the Camp Administration have done their part, so now let us get our shoulders behind the wheel and do our part.

"AU REVOIR"

For seemingly effortless efficiency, for quick decisive discipline, for gaining absolute respect while making loyal friends, none of us have met his equal. It is common acknowledgement, yes, unanimous acknowledgement, that the Camp improved overnight under his administration. The improved morale of this company since his arrival is something over which to marvel. The cooperation between the two services in the past few months is rapidly transforming the appearance of this camp into an object of which to be proud. The way he gained loyal, cooperative friends among both enrollees and facilitating personnel is a lesson in personality to all of us. The improvement in the Mess hall, in the "Rec" hall, the barracks, the exterior of camp, the shop, then the athletic equipment, the tennis court and the ball diamond, under construction: He has been a complete success.

We all hate to see you go Lt. Waugh. We wish you all the good fortune which we know you merit.

LT. WAUGH TRANSFERRED TO CAMP BOWERS

LT. HICKERSON RETURNS HERE

Effective May 1, 1937, Lt. Waugh, former commanding officer here, will be transferred to Camp Bowers, Pickens, W. Va.

2nd Lt. E. H. Hickerson, recently transferred from Camp Thornwood to Camp Bowers, will return here and resume the duties of Junior Officer.

Lt. James D. Francis, 1st Lt. Med. Res., is now permanently attached to this company. He has been rendering medical services here although his home camp has been Camp Seneca. He will now serve Camps Thornwood and Laurel Fork.

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(FIRE - cont. from page 1)

The fire was officially pronounced out at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 1937 by Mr. Hanlon, Proj. Supt.

(Tree planting - cont. from pg1)

Bullion	38,750	293
Huffman	42,100	289
Moreor	31,950	251
Ryalls	28,680	247
Roxrode	34,900	244
Smith, J.H.	34.200	225
Houchin	35,450	217
Rosencrance	26,425	206

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Zeke: "Iser, did your watch stop when it hit the floor?"
Iser: "Sure, did you think it would go on through?"

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Cochrane: "One single move and this canoe will collapse"
"Hunnyack" "Could I move my chewing gum to the other side of my mouth?"

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Self-love is more commendable at times than self-forgetfulness.

ALARMS APLENTY; BUT NO FIRES

During the month of April, Camp Thornwood was lucky not to have a single fire. However, the alarm was sounded several times and crews dispatched.

On April 2nd twenty men were sent down back Alleghany road near Moorman. The fire was on private land and no fighting was done.

April 13th ten men were sent to Circleville to help suppress a fire in the hotel there.

Twenty men were sent to the farm of B. B. Board on April 19th to investigate a brush burning there.

The alarm again sounded on April 23rd and men were dispatched, but no fire could be found.

Crews were ordered to stand by for a fire in the Williams River Country, but none were dispatched.

PREVENT FOREST FIRES

CAMP GETS THREE INSPECTIONS

Camp Thornwood was inspected on three practically straight days last week..

Major Mitchell inspected camp and found it satisfactory on Wednesday, April 29th. On the following day, Major Gibbons, not knowing Major Mitchell had inspected, again inspected and found everything in order.

Capt. Rice, Sector Commander, paid us a visit Saturday, May 1st. After auditing some records, he gave the camp a brief inspection.

CAMP SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

I wish to commend you men on your planting job. Inspections thereof have been most satisfactory. Practically without exception you men are coming through in a way that makes me proud of you and in a way that can justify pride in yourself. You are building a living memorial of fine accomplishment out there on Indian Run. It is being built well and efficiently. Congratulations!

The following is a tabulation of crew accomplishment. It shows how each crew stands in number of trees planted, but it is far from a complete picture. It does not show the rocky hillsides planted by Houchins crew and Roxrode's crew. It does not say that "Ryalls Reforesting Rookies" are rookies but that they are up there just the same. It does not sufficiently acknowledge the cooperative spirit of most of the detached men. Unfortunately it indicts one crew as lying down -- inexcusably.

Iser	58,000	387
Collins	47,900	343
Bullion	38,750	293
Huffman	42,100	289
Mercer	31,950	251
Ryalls	28,680	247
Roxrodo	34,900	244
Smith, J. H.	34,200	225
Houchin	35,450	217
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Let this not stimulate competition at the expense of good planting. And bear in mind that tree planting is about half over. Many a football game is won in the second half. Also, it is much easier for low crews to go up than it is for high crews to go higher.

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And now, the bitter ----- men who turn up missing for fire duty at night or over the week-end. We can not let you get by with it. You are AWOL. You are refusing to obey orders. We must insist upon compliance with fire orders. Violation means stern discipline.

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COMPANY COMMANDER'S COLUMN

On account of the short period that I have been assigned to this company I have had little opportunity to become acquainted with many of its members. Yet I can sense a fine spirit of cooperation within the organization, for which I am truly grateful.

It is with deep regret that I record the departure of the former Company Commander, Lt. Meade L. Waugh, from our camp and may we all wish the "the best" as he goes to his new assignment.

Now that the season for outdoor sports is near at hand, each member is urged to take an active part in at least one unit of those now being organized. By so doing each individual will promote his own personal welfare, as well as strengthen the morale of the entire company.

I am glad that I have the opportunity of serving with Co. 2586 and am sure that my assignment here will be a most pleasant one.

Lt Glen R. Myers

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The reason for the delay in publishing the E.M.L. is the breakdown and subsequent repair of our mimeograph machine. We hope to have it published on time hereafter.

NEW C. O. WELL EXPERIENCED

1st Lt. Glen R. Myers, our new commanding officer, has led a very interesting life.

He was enrolled in the Chicago Technical College when America entered the World War. Enlisting at the first call, he saw active service in France. When the war was over, he returned to his studies, graduating in 1921.

For the next fourteen years, he worked in a wide variety of fields, mainly that of an Interior Decorater salesman.

Lt. Myers was one of the first reserve officers to go on active duty with the C.C.C. On April 21, 1935, he was assigned to Camp Gallipolis, Pomeroy, Ohio as Junior Officer.

In the spring of 1935, he took a course from that corps, established at Camp Marshal at Moundsville. He served as Commanding Officer of the Camp until he was transferred to Camp Beaver at Clifftop, W. Va. ON December 21, 1936. He served as commanding officer there until he was transferred to Cap Thornwood April 22, 1937.

Lt. Myers is married and has four children, two boys and two girls. He is fond of music and takes a keen interest in archery.

Pete Turner: I was here yesterday and had steaks.
Waiter: Yes sir; will you have the same today.
Pete: Well I might as well if no one else is using it.

PROPAGATION EXPERIMENT STARTED

It has been an accepted fact that Camp Thornwood has had more red-headed, more left-handers and more dogs on its mess list than any other camp in the Forest. It is only recently that the Camp has gone in for mass production of dogs and here again it appears that F-6 will carry away the pennant.

Taking his que from these fertile facts, Educational Adviser Healey is sponsoring thru Game Technician Green an experiment in the propagation of wild birds. Although some forms of Game Management include the raising and stocking of game in order to increase wild life, the Forest Service has so far gone in only for environmental control of land which means increasing game by improving game conditions.

By sponsoring a propogation experiment the educational program is doing an original thing and one which may have far reaching results.

Ring neck pheasants have been selected as the birds to be propogated and plans now include the purchase of several brood hens, a number of eggs, the erection of a rearing coop to house the brood hens and wire runaways for the young pheasants. After the young birds have passed the first critical ten to twelve weeks they are to be liberated on the Little River Game Preserve.

In addition to doing some actual wildlife rearing and stocking of our own many of the boys who help with the project will gain valuable experience and vocational training.

Cunningham: Zeke does your watch tell time?
Zeke: No you have to look at ti.

School Bond Fails

It would be beneficial to give our children reared in Pocahontas County a safe and thorough education. Perhaps we could be more realistic about possibilities. For 6,700 persons to go in debt 2.8 million dollars is quite extravagant and would result in modern schools which are often shoddily built and show the cracks of age in just a few years. Are these old buildings as irreparable as is made out? In Europe 800 year old buildings prevail. Why not pass a School Bond for $600,000 to repair the existing schools and add to the taxpayers burden the permanent expense of a larger maintenance crew. At this time there are only 2 men to handle all the schools in the county. There need to be at least 5, possibly 6 men, for effective maintenance. Even the best buildings in the world will fall apart if not taken care of.

My mother has been a teacher for 24 years, both in the old schools and in the modern buildings. She says she appreciates the high ceilings in the old classrooms because they reduce the noise factor considerably, allow more air space for the 32 students and teacher.

The general credit market is in a squeeze and it is already too late to go deep in debt. Our existing schools are all right. If the roofs need fixed, let's fix them. If the drains are clogged, let's dig them out. If the chimneys need fixed, let's fix them too. If the fire door needs hinges, let's put hinges on it.

Sincerely,
B. S. Lauster
Bartow

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on April 13.

A group from the PCHS English Department met with the Board concerning a non-graded English program in grades 10—12. The Board advised the delegation to proceed with these plans.

The Board approved the College-Work Study Program whereby the Board pays 20 per cent of the salary of a qualified college student to act as a temporary employee of the Board, May through August.

Approval was given for the Observatory to use the Green Bank School Auditorium and rest room facilities during the summer months for its tourist program.

Approval was given for the Boy Scouts to use the Marlinton cafeteria for the Scout Fair on May 8.

Mrs. Karen Hinkle's request to attend the State Math Field Day at W. Va. Wesleyan College on May 7 was approved.

The retirements of Norman Beale, bus driver, and Geraldine B. Dilley, teacher at Marlinton Elementary, were approved, both effective at the end of the 75-76 school year.

The Board approved the purchase of an electric typewriter from Brewer's Office Equipment in Lewisburg for the High School at a cost of $439. Quotations were received from three office supply companies.

Approval was given to the request of Allen Stewart and Helen Sala of the Durbin School to take the Fifth grade students to the Davis & Elkins planetarium on April 21.

Approval was given to use the Hillsboro cafeteria for an Adult Sewing Class, from April 26 through May.

The quotation of Hunter Hiner, Ashland Petroleum Company, of 36.5 cents per gallon for regular gasoline for the 76—77 school year was accepted.

Quotations were also accepted from the Marlinton Electric Company to supply oil and grease to the Board for the 76—77 school year.

The Board approved the use of school buses for the following trips and excursions:

(1) PCHS Band students to the State Band Festival at Clarksburg, May 6, 7, and 8.

(2) Third and Fourth grades of Hillsboro School to NRAO and Edray Hatchery, April 28.

(3) PCHS Special Education students to the County Special Olympics at Hillsboro, April 22 and 23.

(4) Winners of County Math contest to Buckhannon on May 7 for State Math Field Day.

(5) Eighth Grade of Green Bank school to Visitors Center and Hills Creek on May 6.

(6) Seventh Grade Green Bank School to Pearl Buck Museum and Droop Mountain Battlefield on May 13.

(7) Fifth Grade students of Marlinton School to Bear Town, Droop Mountain Battlefield, and Pearl Buck Museum on May 14 or 17.

(8) Introduction to Vocations Class at PCHS to NRAO on May 6 and to tour business establishments in Marlinton on May 13.

The Board denied the request for the Green Bank School Fifth Grade to use the school bus for a trip on the Cass Train on June 2.

The Board approved the MacMillan mathematics text books for grades 1 through 8 for use in Pocahontas County Schools, 1976—1981, as recommended by a mathematics textbook adoption committee consisting of a mathematics teacher from all the elementary schools.

The Board employed the following non-tenured teachers and service and auxiliary personnel for the 76—77 school year:

Durbin Elementary Teachers
Robert A. Crist
Thomas E. Plumley
Helen A. Sala
Linda L. Robinson
Louise M. Shinaberry

Non-Teaching Personnel
Ella M. Taylor
Loretta E. Burner
Danny Nelson

Green Bank Elementary Teachers
Danieth Patton

Non-Teaching Personnel
James Cook
Murrel Mullenax
Richard Workman

Hillsboro Elementary Teachers
Lynn Hinkle
Harry E. Holsopple
Brenda K. Cales
Phyllis B. Crickenberger
Karen P. Hinkle
Betty M. Seaman
Mary K. Fisher
Sue Hollandsworth
Barbara Luttrell
Julie Macqueen
Sally Nottingham
Barbara Richman

Non-Teaching Personnel
Bertie M. Kramer
Wanda G. Wilfong
Nora Lou Workman
Mason Vaughan
Emma McCoy
Georgene Cutlip

Marlinton Elementary Teachers
George D. Alt
Paula B. Newkirk
John O'Brien
David E. Burdick
William C. Durbin
Teresa Barb
Ulreca G. Shultz
Debora Johnson
Rebecca A. Burdick
Carol S. Dale
Catherine Bartels
George Bartels
Jane Massi
Robin McElwee
Barbara Shaw
Katherine Snyder

Non-Teaching Personnel
Judy Sanders
Albert M. Kelley
Louise K. Roy
Barbara Gibson
Gertrude Wooddell
Janice Nelson

Pocahontas County High School Teachers
Robert F. Seaman
Molly T. Diller
Kathleen V. McGee
Samuel L. Taylor
Berlin B. Vandevender
Robert C. Welder
Emery K. Wyatt
Glen Wade
Martha Wade
Linda VanReenen

Non-Teaching Personnel
Nancy L. Rose
Cora L. Wyatt
Janet L. Shank
Marilyn Kirk
Sharon Turner
Dale Armstrong
Neal Cassell
George Gladwell
William Wyatt
James Shearer
James D. McLaughlin
Kenneth Shearer
Robert M. McLaughlin

Board of Education Office
Betty O. Lambert
Roger L. Trusler
Wanda Wymer
Kerth Friel
Tommy Campbell
Johnnie Kinnison

The resignation of John Kinnison, electricity teacher at PCHS, effective at the end of the 75-76 school year, was accepted.

The request of American Cancer Society to solicit in the elementary schools, beginning May 3, was approved.

The Board approved the purchase of C. B. radios and P. A. systems for the four new buses at a total cost of $546.

Approved the request of Gladys Vance to take her Medical Explorer troops at PCHS to the Medical Exploring Seminar at Charleston on April 24.

Approved the request of Charles Fauber to take the PCHS Band to the State Band Festival at Clarksburg and for Mr. Fauber, Quentin Stewart, Linda Stewart, and Kathleen McGee to accompany the Band.

Approved the request of Reta Rose to take her Advanced Physical Education class at PCHS to the Fairlea Bowling Lanes on April 23.

Approved the request of Larry Yagodzinski to hold rehearsals and a concert at the Durbin school outside of school hours.

The Board will meet again on April 20.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1976

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on May 25.

The first order of business was to reorganize the Board based on the results of the elections on May 11. At this election Board members were selected for one full term and two unexpired terms. At the opening of this meeting the Board consisted of only three members, Moffett McNeel, June Riley, and Ernest Shaw, since Everett Dilley and Bobby Vance were serving unexpired terms only until the election. Everett Dilley, Jr. was administered the oath of office to the unexpired term to which he was elected on May 11. Moffett McNeel then resigned from his term of office due to expire in January 1977 to accept the unexpired term to which he was elected on May 11 and was administered the oath of office for this term. Walter Helmick, who was elected to the full term beginning in January since he received the highest number of votes on May 11, was elected by the Board to fill the unexpired portion of the term from which Mr. McNeel had previously resigned. Mr. Helmick was then administered the oath of office to this unexpired term which, by law, runs to the date of the next election, November 2. After all this the Board was again at its full strength of five members. Mr. McNeel was re-elected as President of the Board.

The Board heard Arch Wooddell who was acting as spokesman for a group of teachers, parents, and citizens who were protesting the use of the athletic field at the Marlinton Elementary School by the Fireman's carnival in June and the horse pulling contest during Pioneer Days. Twenty-four people were in attendance on this matter and presented a petition signed by 122 people. The Board agreed to take the issue under study.

Lonnie Ratliff spoke to the Board concerning the trimming of trees along the Marlinton athletic field to improve the playing conditions on the softball field.

The Board approved the request of Rev. Gary L. Jarrel, pastor of the Church of God, to use the Marlinton gym on May 28 for a church basketball tournament.

Miss Anna Cornell Moore was employed as County Speech Therapist for the 1976-77 school term.

The request of the Pioneer Days Committee to use the PCHS gym for the annual Miss Pocahontas Pageant on July 8 was approved.

Approval was given to the request of Kathleen McGee, PCHS Cheerleader sponsor, for the varsity cheerleaders to attend a summer camp at W. Va. University, August 8-11.

The Board approved the request of the NRAO Recreation Association to use the Green Bank gym and cafeteria for their annual picnic on July 17, in case of rain.

The following dismissal schedule for the students final day at school, June 4, was approved: (1) The High School will be dismissed at 10:30 a. m.

(2) The elementary schools will dismiss in accordance with the high school schedule.

(3) Teachers will be dismissed at 1 p. m.

The contract of Lawrence Brannan, PCHS Guidance Counselor, was extended from June 25 to July 19, at no increase in pay. During this period Mr. Brannon will be chaperoning the PCHS students on their trip to England.

The Board approved the application for money from Federal government under the ESEA Title I Program in the amount of $136, 848 from Fiscal Year 1977 funds and $25,464 from unbudgeted reserve from Fiscal Year 1976. Title I funds support remediation programs to overcome learning deficiencies for economically deprived students. In Pocahontas County these funds pay for the tutorial aides in the elementary classrooms and support the remedial reading and mathematical program.

Gary L. Jarrel was employed as a regular bus driver and Alfred L. Dilley employed as a substitute bus driver.

The Board gave approval for Sam Taylor to drive a bus for the Building and Maintenance class at PCHS and for Robert Welder to drive a bus for the Forestry class and athletic trips.

The Board withdrew the 1976-77 teaching contract of John O'Brien on the basis of his verbal resignation of May 14, 1976, by a unanimous vote.

The Board heard from archictect K. F. Weimer in regard to the Board's previous direction for him to procure a negotiated bid from one of the two bidders in the amount of $124,000 maximum for the addition to the vocational building at the High School. Mr. Weimer reported that he had made repeated unsuccessful attempts to contact Kyle Construction Company but had worked out an agreement with Moss Associates, Harrisonburg, Virginia, in the amount of $124,000. The Board authorized Mr. Weimer to draw up a contract with Moss and authorized Mr. McNeel to sign this contract when it is prepared.

The Board decided to make its contributions to the budget of the Pocahontas Board of Health for 1976-77 the same as that for 1975-76.

The Board agreed to assist the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital by hauling coal for the Hospital within the capability of the Board's equipment and manpower. The Hospital will pay salary, fuel and oil, and mileage for maintenance and in return receive a saving on the price of coal.

Approval was given for the following excursions and field trips:

Durbin Eighth Grade to the NRAO for a tour and picnic.

Marlinton 6-A and 6-C classes to Watoga State Park on June 1 for a picnic.

Hillsboro Fifth and Sixth Grade to Watoga State Park on June 1 for a picnic.

Marlinton Special Education Class to Watoga State Park on June 3 for a picnic and swim.

Green Bank Fifth Grade to the Cass Scenic Railroad on June 2.

PCHS Advanced Physical Education Class to the NARO pool on June 1.

Marlinton Second Grade to the Cass Scenic Railroad, Cass Museum, and Seneca State Forest on June 1.

Marlinton Third Grades to the Cass Scenic Railroad and Seneca State Forest on June 2.

Marlinton 7-A to Watoga State Park for a picnic on June 3.

The next regular Board meeting will be on June 8.

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Luther Preston Beard

Luther Preston Beard, 76, died in the Naval Academy Hospital in Annapolis, Maryland, August 16, 1976.

Mr. Beard was born at Hillsboro, November 21, 1899, the son of Forrest and Rachel Clark Beard. The Beards lived at Hillsboro and at Marlinton where the elder Beard had a meat market.

He joined the National Guard Army at Ronceverte in 1917 to guard the tunnel at White Sulphur, later served in France. After World War I he joined the Navy and served for 20 years. In World War II he was recalled and served at the Naval Academy Hospital at Annapolis.

Surviving him are two brothers, Clarence and Forrest Beard, of Hillsboro; two sisters, Clara King, Annapolis, Maryland and Eda Beard, of Hillsboro.

Preceding him in death were three brothers, Ryce, Sherrett and Warren; two sisters, Laura Weiford and Mary Beard.

The Fleet Reserve Association held services at Taylor's Funeral Home in Annapolis on Monday evening and he was buried the next morning in Arlington National Cemetery.

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CALVIN W. PRICE, EDITOR

THURSDAY, NOV. 18, 1948

An Open Letter to President Harry Truman

Dear Mr. President:

First of all, Mr. President, may I congratulate you on your victory at the polls today. It was one of the most exciting elections in the history of America.

They say that the day before the election, the odds were sixty to one, in favor of the other side, that is. Many of the big boys lost a lot of dough; it goes fast a sixty to one.

Everyone is still stunned---some because they had visions of a few meaty changes for themselves, like, perhaps, a fat tax cut. They lulled themselves with such dreams, and when they woke up ---well, it was just too much to bear!

Others were stunned because this first group had convinced them it just couldn't happen! But they had gone out and voted for you---voted a kind of personal protest. These are the people who really believe in their right to vote.

Maybe you, too, were stunned. Everybody---all the analysts and other know-alls---had assured you that it just wasn't in the cards. Well, you, too, protested; you went out and protested---long and loud---from whistle stop to whistle stop---from early morning to late night.

Do you remember, Mr. President, the other side had a big publicity campaign a few months ago--- "The Grass Roots!" The right one, had they only known it! The guy that thought that one up had the right idea. Now, what did they do! They glamorized it! They showed us pictures of the other guy sitting on an expensive white fence (that was bad psychology right there.) They showed us pictures of him going into his church; coming out, and shaking hands with the preacher. That was all right with us, most of us go to church, and we too, shake hands with the preacher, when the service is over. They showed us nice family group pictures; that was just fine, we all like kids. But that is where they stopped Mr. President, with all their pretty pictures.

Now, what are the "Grass Roots!" I'm "Grass Roots" One of my great grandmothers married, before the Civil War, and had her first son before she was fifteen years old. My great grandaddy went off and fought for the Confederacy. He came back to their farm, when the war was over, and they had ten more children. One of my aunts dug into a lot of old court house records, and found out she could become a member of the D. A. R. She likes those things---lots of tradition!

Now, Mr. President, don't you agree with me that I'm Grass Roots!

My husband came here twelve years ago to get an education. He didn't even know any English when he came; now he's a college instructor. I remember the day he became a citizen of the United States of America. He came home and told me all about it: "Baby", he said it was thrilling! The only question asked was, 'How many judges in the Supreme Court---are they elected---appointed?' Some of the people there had to answer a lot of questions; so I asked the judge why he asked me so little. He just laughed, and said, 'young man, with all your schooling, you had better know the answers' and when I went back to my class at school, my students rose and sang the National Anthem. I cried a little, and wasn't ashamed. Their eyes were wet too,

Mr. President on November 2, my husband and I went to the polls to vote. He said, "You know this is a great honor" if this were an election, where I came from, the streets would be full of soldiers. Many cars and trucks call for the people---take them to the voting places, but they vote the way they are told or they get shot." Now, Mr. President, don't you agree that he's grass roots!

Today, a middle-aged Jew came into the office where I work. He was very happy. He said, "I was up all night---drank too much." His hands shook, and his eyes were bloodshot, "but he continued "I'm very excited! I hadn't looked to an election since 1932---in Germany. I've been in America almost one year now. Before for fifteen years, I was everywhere: Poland, Italy, France, Russia, too, without a passport." Now, to my way of thinking, Mr. President, he too, is "Grass Roots."

I think, Mr. President, that you know that were here---the "grass roots." They're here, many of them have come all through America, struggled and they [illegible] alive, and [illegible] part of it. If you always remember they are here.

Very sincerely yours,
Virginia Ramos Espino.

(Editor's note--- The foregoing Open Letter to President Truman is from the former Virginia Dickson, of Marliston. She is a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. May, and a niece of Mrs. J. Herbert Vaughan.)

Pearl Buck Life Membership Gift

Woman's Club

The Friendship Dinner of the Marlinton Woman's Club opened the new year Friday, September 10, at the Edray Community Center. A delicious turkey dinner was served by Mary Shafer. It was a night of surprises. A gift package was presented to Mrs. Steve Hunter, president, which, when opened, revealed a $1000 check from Miss Julia Price for a life membership to the Pearl Buck Birthplace Foundation for the Marlinton Woman's Club. Miss Price was presented with a beautiful basket of flowers: pink carnations for the club flower, roses for love, and daisies for practicality. Then there was an additional surprise as the Club Year Books were opened and a dedication of 1976-77 Club Year was dedicated to Miss Julia L. Price for her generous gift in the Club's name, helping to assure that "My Mother's House" —Pearl Buck's birth home — may live again.

Mrs. Kerth Nottingham was wished a happy birthday in song, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morgan were remembered for their fortieth wedding anniversary, and Mrs. Marvin Perry led in group singing, accompanied by Mr. Perry on the harmonica.

Members and guests attending were: Miss Peggy Smith, Miss Alice Waugh, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morgan, Mrs. Gordon Dilley, Mrs. Lee Barlow, Miss Julia Price, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Bumgardner, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gibson, Mrs. John Pritchard, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene TenBrink, Mr. and Mrs. William McNeel, Mrs. Jane Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rexrode, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hunter, Mrs. Glenn Shrader, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cooper, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hite, Mrs. Rachel Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Kellison, Eugene Simmons, Mrs. Kerth Nottingham, Mrs. Grace Harper, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Layman Davis, Mrs. Eldridge McCormack, Mrs. Sherman Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Johnson.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 16, 1976

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on September 13. Representatives from the Citizens Advisory Committee met with the Board and presented a proposed questionnaire to be distributed to the citizens of the county. The purpose of the questionnaire is to determine the feelings of the County's people as to why the school bond was defeated in May and the direction in which the Board should move in alleviating the poor physical condition of the County's schools. The Board approved the questionnaire and the Committee's plans for distributing it to the public by use of The Pocahontas Times and personal contact.

Mrs. Minnie Cochran met with the Board concerning establishing a school bus stop for her children on Buckeye Hill.

Dale Curry and Doug Dunbrack met with the Board on behalf of the Pioneer Days Committee. They expressed the Committee's thanks for the Board's past cooperation with Pioneer Days and made a request for the use of the Marlinton School facilities during Pioneer Days in 1977. They also asked that the Board established a set policy for the use of the school facilities to prevent the problems that arose this past Spring with the circus and carnival using the Marlinton athletic field.

The Board accepted the resignation of Frederick VanNostran as science and math teacher at Green Bank.

Robert Crist was transferred from Durbin to Green Bank as science teacher.

The Board employed Thomas Stipe as science and math teacher at Durbin.

The request of Mrs. Catherine Bartels for a maternity leave beginning in February was approved.

Mrs. Mary Brundage was transferred from Durbin to third grade teacher at Green Bank due to increased enrollment at Green Bank.

Mrs. Heidi Hickson and Mrs. Agnes Bennett were employed as substitute cooks at Green Bank.

Samuel Taylor, Paul Kesler, Jr., James Meek, and Wallace Dorn were employed as substitute bus drivers.

Kay J. Spruill was added to the substitute teacher list.

The Board considered increased insurance coverage for the High School and deferred action on this until the next meeting.

The request of the Girl Scouts to use the art room at Green Bank for meetings was approved.

The Board approved the request of Larry Mustain to use private vehicles to transport the Hillsboro football team to games on September 25 and October 2.

The purchase of two or three 66 passenger school buses was authorized. These buses are to be purchased under the State Purchasing Plan with bids to be received on a statewide basis. The number the County will buy will depend on the bid price. These buses will be paid for out of the 1978 Fiscal Budget.

The Board approved the July and August Treasurer's Reports, September Investment Report, July Financial Report, August Payroll, and the Annual Financial Report. The Annual Report was printed in the paper last week.

The Superintendent advised the Board of problems concerning the sewage system at Green Bank and that steps are underway to rectify these problems.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, September 27.

The Gibson History

Written for the Gibson Reunion, held on July 11, 1976, by Harold David Gibson, son of Allie C. Gibson and the late Forest Gibson.

My Mother has the history
of the Gibsons in her head,
But this history assignment
was given to me instead.
If you want to hear all sides
of the fence
Speak to her and it all
makes sense.

Not much is known to be
truly exact,
Of the history of us Gibsons
from David on back.
Revolutionary heroes we
cannot readily acclaim.
But we are proud to be
Gibsons all the same.

David, from Waynesboro,
in the 1800's came
To settle in Hillsboro
Western Virginia—now of
Pearl Buck fame.
Over now Elk Mountain
beyond the crooked fork
Here he and his wife, Mary
Sharp did raise
Five sons and three
daughters in God's grace
William, Jim, John, Doctor
Dave and Jake,
Mary, Nancy and Lizzie
married and new names
did take.

Jim and Jane Friel, seven
children did rear
Jake married a Wamsley,
killed in the Civil War
and no children did bear
John and Mary Towsend
added Sam, Nancy and
Joe
Mary and Rankin Poage
bore another two
Three children had Martha
Hogan and Doctor Dave
He was called Uncle Doc—
Many lives he did save.

And to get to the more
immediate concern
We wish to pay homage to
those who have passed
on
Harlan and Dock, the last of
Jim's sons, Cloe, Julian,
Ray Lewis and Earl their
work is done.
We do not mourn, but wish
to praise
The useful purpose served
during their days
To those who are sick and
in need of bed care
Our prayers and best
wishes together we share

As a footnote to those not
here, I'd like to add
There are those who are
sick, and other reasons to
be had
Those of us present—
descendants of William
outnumber the other
We do not boast, but hope
that rather
Future Gibson reunions will
continue to grow
And include the host of
others who did not show
So, to all of us here, be of
good cheer
And we hope to see all of
you back with us next
year!

Seven children Nancy and
Sam Gay did grace
Lizzie and James McClure
eight more were blessed
William and Polly Gay were
wed
For death of three children,
tears were shed
Add Sam, George, Jim
Robert, Mary and Sally
To most of us here as
descendants do rally.

David is buried in Moffett
Cemetery, atop the hill
His wife honored by
"Mary's Chapel," where
they worship still.

Both sides did they take in
war of rebellion
Some refused to fight and
were taken to prison
Gunfire from the soldiers
were heard
By our grandfathers at play
In this Pleasant Valley we
inhabit today.

Waugh, Shelton, Jackson,
Moore, Hannah, Varner,
and Mace
Kramer, McLaughlin, Jordan, Showalter, Schaffer
and Yates
Miller, Rankin, Meeks,
Thomas and Shear add to
the line
Higgins, Hammond, Rider,
and Stalnaker, all mighty
fine
Baxter, Beverage and Price
—It goes on and on
For names not mentioned,
the Gibson seed is still
being sown
Names, religion and nationalities intertwine
But continue the blood of
the Gibson line.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 30, 1976

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on September 27.

The Board met with Architect K. F. Weimer to review the plans for the elementary schools.

The Board approved the payment in lieu of transportation to Mrs. Bertha Defibaugh of 75 cents per day per child for each day the child is in attendance at school.

Approval was given for the use of a school bus to transport fifth grade students of Green Bank School to the Cass Train on October 11.

The resignation of Theodore Callahan as bus driver was accepted.

Alfred Dilley was employed as a regular bus driver.

The request of the Marlinton School to take the football team by bus to Upper Glade on October 14 was approved.

The Board approved a request for maternity leave from Lura June Fauber, Speech Therapist, from October 20 to January 3.

Approval was given for the Hillsboro football team to be transported to Renick on October 20 by private cars.

Permission was given for a classroom at the High School to be used for the Adult Basic Education Class one night a week.

Mrs. Anna Virginia Hayes was employed as an Aide at Durbin for the balance of the 76-77 school year.

The Board approved the use of the High School gym and cafeteria on October 16 for the 4-H Achievement Program.

Approval was given for use of the Green Bank auditorium for a Community Forum meeting on October 12.

Approval was given for the Green Bank Women Sports Group to use the Green Bank Gym every Thursday night for a physical fitness program.

The use of the Marlinton cafeteria for a Marlinton Chamber of Commerce dinner on October 11 was approved.

The Board approved the request of the Hillsboro PTA for a Fall Music Show on October 3 on the Hillsboro Athletic field. Proceeds to be used to buy books for grade 5-8.

Approval was given for the Marlinton Rotary Club to use the Marlinton cafeteria for meetings on Monday nights.

Approval was given for the Girl Scouts to use a room in the Marlinton School on the first and third Tuesday of each month for meetings.

Approval was given to a supplement to the 76-77 budget due to the larger than expected surplus from the 75-76 budget.

The Board approved a revision in the 76-77 budget to include additional money from the state to pay for increased salaries.

The request of Bio-Preps Laboratories, of Fairmont, to offer a blood screening examination to school personnel and the general public was approved. The exact dates will be announced.

The Board approved the purchase of bleachers for the High School athletic field to seat approximately 500 fans and the band. The cost will be $2,000 to $2,500.

The Board approved increased insurance coverage on the High School building and contents to cover the increased valuation from $2,666,966 last year to $3,029,926 at the present time. The policy on the High School is one that covers 90% of total loss of the building and 100% of any loss less than total. The additional premium was $1,065.

The Board adopted the following policy for the general use of school facilities and for the Pioneer Days Committee to have exclusive use of the school facilities during Pioneer Days:

It shall be the policy of the Pocahontas County Board of Education to permit the use of school facilities, By VARIOUS civic, SOCIAL,

fraternal, and private organizations so long as the public is served in the areas of cultural exposure and/or enlightenment, or wherein the public is best served in the area of worthy use of leisure time.

It is the will of the Board, however, that no such usage prevent or disrupt the educational program for which the facilities were originally designed and intended, and that such activities shall in no fashion distract children in the pursuit of their education, or create unseemly, unhealthy or potentially dangerous situations for them in the school environment. As an example, circus, carnivals, etc., during the school term on school property will be considered in violation of the above and as such will be prohibited. Activities of this nature may be undertaken during the vacation period provided that there is no risk of damage to the property, and no health or safety hazard is created for the public in general by such. Judgments as to the propriety of the above shall be made by the superintendent acting in conjunction with appropriate authorities who may advise him on unusual circumstances.

EXCLUSIVE USE OF FACILITIES: The Board, being aware that Pioneer Days activities, conducted under the auspices of the Pioneer Days Committee, represent a valuable contribution to the transmittal and perpetuation of the Pocahontas County heritage, shall grant exclusive rights to said Committee for use of school facilities during such period as shall be identified as Pioneer Days. The execution of such rights by said Committee, however, shall be in accord with the terms of Item No. 1 of this policy. The Pioneer Days Committee, in brief, will bear the entire burden of responsibility for all elements tangent to and associated with such activities approved by it and conducted under its auspices.

The next Board meeting will be October 11.

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Marlinton Junior High Football

The Marlinton Junior High School got their second win of the season by beating Hillsboro, 8-0. The game was played in a downpour. Although the weather wasn't ideal, both teams played well.

Mike Doss did all the scoring for the Copperheads. His touchdown run of 2 yards gave the Copperheads the winning points. Doss also scored the point after touchdown on a run around right end.

Hillsboro and Marlinton both played outstanding defense. Some of the leading defensive players for the Copperheads were Rick McCarty, Laurence Kiner, Jess Heavener, and Glenn Taylor. Terry Kramer and Chuck Beverage both had pass interceptions.

The Copperheads play at home again this weekend, Saturday, Oct. 9, at 7:30. They will be playing Green Bank.

This Thursday, Oct. 7, there will be a boosters meeting in the gym at 7:30.

Girl's Basketball

The Warrior girls basketball got their first victory of the season, playing against Webster County, Tuesday night.

The girls were leading through the whole game.

The highest scorers were Lottie Buzzard with 9 and Cathy Coleman with 8. Leading rebounders were Vicki Shears 9 and Cathy Coleman 8.

The girls also had a winning game on Thursday September 30; they played against Circleville.

The girls played a hard defensive game. They kept playing hard right down to the last quarter. The high scorer was Cathy Coleman with 18 points, next was Lottie Buzzard with 8.

Leading rebounder was Cathy Coleman with 12, next was Teresa Rose with 7.

Congratulations girls, good luck.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 14, 1976

College Day at PCHS

On October 11, 1976, PCHS junior and senior students received college information firsthand during the school's college day program. Eighteen state colleges and universities were present and each student could talk to any three representatives. The college representatives presented a short program and then answered all questions relating to their individual college. The students received applications, financial information and all general information pertaining to attending college. The students could also talk to the representatives individually after the program.

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on October 11, 1976.

The Board approved the following requests for the use of school buildings:

— High School cafeteria and band room by the Pocahontas Producers Cooperative Association and Pocahontas County Farm Bureau on November 13,

— Hillsboro cafeteria by the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department on October 30 for a Ham and Oyster Dinner,

— A classroom at Green Bank by the Girl Scouts on Thursday afternoons for a meeting room,

— Hillsboro, Green Bank and Marlinton buildings by the County Commission for the General Election on November 2,

— Marlinton gym by the Athletic Boosters Club for a dance on October 23.

Approval was given for Hillsboro students to be transported by private car to a football game at Renick on October 20 and for Marlinton students to be transported by private car to football games at Hillsboro on October 30 and Green Bank on November 6.

The request to use a school bus to transport the Green Bank football team to Upper Glade on October 28 was approved.

Permission was given for Whitman Hull to attend the National Association for Pupil Transportation Convention in St. Louis on November 14-18. The cost is approximately $400 which is 80% reimbursable by the state.

The Board approved the payment of 50c per day for each child for each day of school attendance, in lieu of transportation, to Mrs. David Cassell, Green Bank.

Permission was given to advertise for bids for a new dump truck chassis.

The Board approved the September payroll and payment of various bills.

Board President McNeel reported on the recent meeting of the W. Va. School Board Association that he and Superintendent Lannan attended.

The next regular Board meeting will be October 25.

PCHS Football

PCHS came out of a 6—6 halftime tie to down Franklin 22—6 in a water covered field Friday night.

Alfred Pondexter scored three touchdowns and Mark Waslo scored a two point conversion then passed to David L. Cassell for another.

Franklin scored early in the first quarter but a strong Warrior defense shut them out for the remaining three quarters. The defense was led by strong linebacking of Rick Doyle and Fred Tibbs. Other standouts were Mark Gum, Richard Oref and Glen Arbogast. The defensive team was composed of six sophomores, two juniors and three seniors.

PCHS plays Kingwood in the Homecoming game this week.

The Warriors have been playing good football but a tough schedule has kept them out of the winning column until this week. The combined record of 4 PCHS opponents is 23 wins and 3 losses.

Nicholas County is 5-1
Richwood 5-1
Greenbrier West 6-0
Marsh Fork 5-1
Greenbrier West 6-0

The teams on this year's schedule are unusually tough.

The PCHS staff and Team would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ricottilli for the fine meal they furnished in Beckley on the Marsh Fork trip.

Flood

The rains came and the river rose.

Friday night at 11:03 the automatic flood alarm system sounded in the Marlinton Volunteer Fire Department office, which first indicates from upper drainage areas that a 10 foot level of water will 4 hours later be at the Marlinton bridge. Twenty-four hours later (after 11 p.m. Saturday), the alarm reset itself when the water level went below flood stage, after reaching a crest of 13.1 feet at Marlinton and 16.55 feet at Buckeye about 3 p.m.

This system enabled the Fire Department to chart within a few inches the time and actual level of the water, being in constant communication with Cincinnati and other information centers.

Ilean Walton, at Buckeye, said the rainfall was 4.5 inches. Moody Moore, on Browns Creek, reported about 4.5 in 24 hours from Friday morning to Saturday morning. The Observatory at Green Bank recorded Thursday at 6 a.m. for the previous 24 hours .03 inches, Friday morning 1.7 inches, Saturday 3.62 inches, Sunday .55 inches.

Deer Creek was the highest in many years.

The heaviest rainfall was in the Edray - Woodrow areas, with about six inches of rain being considered the average everywhere. Douthards' Creek area had the least.

The Greenbrier at Marlinton was 16 to 18 inches below the level in the 1967 flood and this was true at Buckeye. Knapps Creek was not as high as usual.

Riverside area had lots of water from Stony Creek and the Greenbrier. First Avenue around the bridge in Marlinton was flooded with water in homes and trailers. Fas Chek had about a foot of water. Burns Motor Freight had two feet of water in its offices. Foodland had water all around but only seepage inside. Some camping trailers went down the river at Buckeye. Mayor Carl Davis said some road washing was their main damage at Cass.

Marlinton Volunteer firemen were on duty from Friday until midnight Saturday, then worked Sunday to help pump basements and clean up debris. The Observatory and Hillsboro Fire Department helped Sat urday. The volunteers kept watch, warned, help move things out of the water's reach, cleaned up, and in general proved to be good samaritans. We thank them.

Joe Smith caught a small fish in the floodwaters in front of Home Products Meat Market on Third Avenue in Marlinton.

Don Wooddell saw a black cow and TV go down the Greenbrier.

Bob Miller and other Telephone Utilities workers were watching the floodwaters off the bridge and saw a doe deer come down the river. As it neared the bridge the deer turned easily to the left and left the water near the hospital. It was sighted by several people as it bounded along through several properties, in and out of the water, to cross over the railroad across from Stanley Wooddell's.

Bill Bob Meadows saw a deer come down the Thomastown road and get caught in Clarence Smith's fence. He left it for Clarence to cut loose.

Notes on
Pocahontas County
1914 - 1938

(Written for the Lt. Glen Vaughan Historical Collection)

I was born and brought up on the old family farm near Buckeye— in our faded white cottage under Bridger's Gap. The old house— which we lived in until 1932— had been built by my grandfather, Captain James Monroe McNeill (C.S.A.) just after his return from Yankee prison at Fort Delaware. It was a 6½ room Dutch cottage and had two great stone chimneys at each end. One of these chimneys still had the old fireplace, which was a center in my childhood and where we still sometimes cooked corn pone and boiled beef and "fodder" beans.

My mother and father ("G.D." McNeill), my Granny Fanny (Perkins) Mc Neill, and my older brother and sister, Ward and Elizabeth, composed our family group until 1918 when my brother Jim was born. Also, in my very early childhood, an important member of our household was "Aunt" Malindy Griffin— not a blood relative, but the kindly old woman who had no other home and had come to us to rock the children, tell stories, and sing her "quavery" songs.

We were busy on the farm, and I early learned to ride the horse, to haul hay, plow and hoe corn, feed the animals, hunt the cows, milk, and carry in the wood and water. We churned, too, and made cheese, hominy, soft soap, kraut, apple butter, dried apples and "fodder" beans. In the spring we usually "opened" the sugar camp up the hollow and made sugar tree molasses, sugar cakes, and sugar Easter eggs. We also picked wild greens, wild fruit, and the various herbs for medicine. And I can remember Granny picking, washing, and carding her wool, spinning it on her "little" wheel, and— very occasionally— making candles in the old candle mold. She leached out wood ashes for her soap in the old ash hopper, and we made a "run" of cider every fall, buried our apples and root vegetables in great holes in the back yard or garden, and picked great sacks of walnuts and chestnuts— the chestnuts picked from a great grove of trees, called the "Chestnut Orchard" which stood just across our line fence on the farm of my Uncle Dan'l (Daniel A. McNeill), who ran— with his two sons— the store down in the village, just above the fork where Rush Run goes into Swago Crick.

Our village had four centers— Uncle Dan'l's (Wint's) Store, the two room school house, and our two white churches, called the "Upper Church" and the "Lower".

When I was five, I went to my first school down at Buckeye. My father, "G.D.", was principal, and Miss Annie Cleek was my first teacher. My primer book was about Dot and Don. "Here we are. We are Dot and Don. Here we are." In the second grade, Miss Pearl Carter was my teacher, and I still remember the memorization of the 48 states and of West Virginia's 55 counties: "Barbor, Berkley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, etc." In the third grade, Miss Marjorie Warwick was my teacher. Other Buckeye teachers I remember were Miss Carrie Brown (Morrison), Miss Clara Palmer, and Miss Anne Correll.

When I was in grade 4, my mother and father moved the family to Marlinton for about a year and a half, and I went to school to Miss Mathews and Miss Pennybacker. For me, this move to town was rather difficult, and I was lonely, poor at my studies, and became utterly confused by the mathematical complexities of long division and common fractions.

Our town house, which we rented, was on Upper Camden— the big old house which today stands between the Miss Susie Gay House and Alice Waugh's. I often played

with Alice and with Jean Sharp down on the next block. Other neighbors were the Mays, Wades, McCoys, McFerrins, and Duncans. I sometimes played with Billy Duncan or went down on Lower Camden to play with Libby Williams— a little girl with a blonde Dutch bob and blue eyes and an up-turned nose. Sometimes, too, I visited my little cousin, Helen Overholt, at her house near the old Fairground, and sometimes Aunt Lucy (Overholt) would send us out in the "Common" to bring home her Jersey milkcow. In our barn back of our house, we kept a farm milkcow or two, and there were several other cows who pastured on the town "Common," and — I believe, too, that a few chickens, inhabited the barns of alleys of the town. On a few occasions an ox wagon passed along Upper Camden, and there was the Livery stable and the old "Opera House" — a monumental "drama" in cement.

As I look back at this old town circa 1920, it seems to me to have been a prosperous and self-sufficient village. There were the daily north and south trains, at least one drug store, groceries, hardware, banks, hotel, etc. There were four practicing physicians, three dentists, and numerous lawyers. We had regular ice service, a garbage wagon, and daily milk delivery. On Main Street were the banks, the various stores, and even a milliner, whose job it was to trim the ladies' hats. The Tannery whistle marked the hours, and there were the churches and the two almost new brick schools.

During this era, my father was County Superintendent of Schools, and because one winter I was presumably too ill to attend school, I went with "G.D." in our Model-T Ford on a wide-ranging school visitation— to Durbin, Cass, Hillsboro, Huntersville, Elk, etc. and up the windy hollows to one room school houses on Droop and Beaver Creek. The question of my illness remains a question. Presumably, I was afflicted with St. Vitus Dance, but (in 1976) I am inclined to believe that my illness was the "common fractions syndrome." Anyway, I visited the country schools with G.D. and have always been able to add and subtract! This mathematical block of mine was a great puzzle and pain to "G.D." who— at age seven — had already worked his way through Roy's Third Arithmetic!

To be a child in Marlinton during these years was to be happy and free. We played around the Slough, walked the railroad bridge, played hopscotch, roller skated (I on one of Jean Sharp's skates. . . .), rolled hoops, followed the ice wagon for its delicious "offfallings", went to Chautauqua, to picnics, and hoped for an ice cream cone from Kee's Drug Store. Or one could attend a Sunday School festival, feast in Aunt Lucy's grape arbor on a fall Saturday, or wait for the utter bliss of circus day. Or if one grew tired of this all-year waiting, one could go up to the Depot and wait for the noon and afternoon trains.

My family's sojourn in town was not successful, and when I was about 10 years old, we returned to the farm and remained there— as my brother Jim still remains. I went to the 6th and 7th grades at Buckeye, where— by now —we had playground swings and our first "hot lunch"—. For this latter innovation, the children brought the meat and vegetables for a mighty soup pot which the teacher boiled all morning on the top of the "Big Room" heating stove.

When I was 12, I entered Edray District High School where "G.D." had just (1923) become principal. Some of the High School teachers, 1923-27, were "Cap" Killingsworth, "Bunyan" Lord, "Miss Fannie" (Overholt), Miss Lazenby, Miss Stancill, Esther Williams Green, Miss Eskridge, Miss Yeager, Miss Richardson, William D. Saunders, Jr., Mr. Travis, and Mr. Clutter— from whom I always managed a marginal D— in math.

In these years, "Bulldog" Kenny was our football star; Mary Warwick Dunlap, most attractive; Ed Rexrode, most popular; and Add McNeill our "Wittiest boy". "Bunny" Hill and Libby Williams were our girls' basketball stars, and I became a questionable and heavy-footed guard on the 1927 team. One of the more shocking "great events" of the 1927 season was that we girls first wore our "new" athletic shorts for basketball! These above-the-knees shorts replaced our black sateen or blue serge bloomers and were — along with the "boyish bob"— the very "latest" thing.

I remember many of the High School "kids" of this era. I remember Curtis Mc Coy and his banjo, and I remember Jesse Wiley, the Hills twins, the May girls— their lovely voices— and Margaret VanReenan, Anna Dennison, Margaret Rose, Bus Edgar, Helen Smith, Marguerite Moore, Louise Smith, Pearl Auldridge, Allie Kelley, Virginia and Gaynelle Moore, Laura Nelson, Virginia Neel, Babe Wilson, Charlie Miles, Fan Hill, Sterle Shrader, etc. etc.

And I remember, forever, "G.D." walking the corridors and telling sea stories in chapel. I remember, too, Mr. Clutter's chapel rendition of Kipling's "Gunga Din"! We had various clubs— French, Glee, Literary, "pep", etc., and at football games would yell, "Boom-a-lacka, Boom-a-lacka, Bow, Wow, Wow! Chicka-lacka, chicka-lacka, Chow! Chow! Chow! Boom-a-lacka, chicka lacka, Who are we? Edray District High School! Can't you see?"

After the spring of 1927, I was in and out of college and taught 5½ terms in the Pocahontas schools. My teaching and trying-to-get-through-college years were 1928-1938— the decade of the Great Depression.

My first school teaching experience was in the "Brush Country", at Pleasant Hill school. I boarded at Oley Jackson's and at Menafee's or— in good weather —walked from the Fairground road to the school house— quite a trek (3½ miles?) down-hill and up-hollow.

At Pleasant Hill, I had about 25 pupils in all eight grades, and though— as was common in these years —the plan had been for the big boys to "run me out of the school", I had my happiest year— in all my 35 years of school teaching— in the Brush Country School. I knew and visited over-night with the parents, and there were evenings of mountain music and popcorn and chestnuts roasting in the coals. And there were pie suppers, the Christmas pageant, and other community nights at school. In school, I had several families of Wilfong children (first cousins) and the Wheeler children and the Waughs. I remember many of the Wilfong children— Granville's, Earl and Frances; Seebert's Clarence, Harry, and Catherine; Ress Wilfong's Milburn, Valley, and little Kate; and Asa Wilfong's little Elsie. There were the Menefee children, Starling and Evelyn; Eula, Edith, and Zoe Wheeler; Iris and Edith Dean; Rebecca Jackson; Elzie and Arch Waugh; and Denton Wilfong's Howard and Reed. It has been 46 years since I taught at Pleasant Hill, and Howard Wilfong died long ago in World War II. But I still remember Howard's red hair and freckles, and I remember Elzie Waugh— one of my favorite little boys— and I remember Eula Wheeler's neat arithmetic papers and Rebecca Jackson's little red coat. Outsiders would call the Brush Country school an "Appalachian Backwash", but to me it is, forever, my best school. The people were warm and friendly, the children learned gladly, and I was 19 years old, walking up the "Crick" on a September morning with the "fare-well'summers" all in purple bloom. It was that year— in Jackson's log house along the dirt road— that I began my first book of poetry, Mountain White. Because there was no heat in my bedroom, I wrote the book in bed— with bed-quilts piled over me and a warm coverlid wrapped around my shoulders. I would write late at night by the oil lamp light. It was a good year, and I earned just short of $90.00 a month, paid $15.00 for my room and board, and saved some money for college fees.

My next school was at Slatyfork. Paul Sharp was principal and Goldie Gaye Hannah and Rebecca Slaven the two other teachers in this new, modern, brick "consolidated school". I boarded on Elk— near Mary's Chapel— with "Uncle" Bob and "Aunt" Ellie (Sharp) Gibson— who was truly a "saint on earth." "Aunt Ellie would get up before daylight, build the fires, and start breakfast. Then, she would kneel down in the sitting room and say her prayers "out loud"—praying for all her loved ones name by name —"God bless Allie, God bless Willie, God bless Little Sterl." Dear "Aunt" Ellie—with her work-gnarled hands and happy laughter and great steaming plates of hot biscuits and fried ham. And as she sang

as she worked. I know there is— for her— that "land that is fairer than day."

Down at the Slatyfork school, our first school buses ran in from Mace and from the top of Elk. That year Willie Gibson would not send his children to school. He was against consolidation and the yellow bus— long before the Supreme Court got the blame.

I remember Willie's and Stella's children— Goldie, Sterl, Louise (who was named for me) Glenna, and all. And down at school were Stanley Glee and Charmalea Gibson, Wilda Smallridge (such nice handwriting), Lawrence and Wanda Lee Smith, Cecil Sage, Ruby Galford, Nancy Coberly, Warwick Gibson,. and all the Maces, Hannahs, Van Devenders, Sharps, Varners, etc. And there were the Thomas children— little Harry is, today, a Medical doctor out west, and Willie's children are in Detroit and all over— but come home to the Gibson Reunion every year.

My next 3½ years of teaching were at Buckeye Graded ("the home school") where I taught "The Little Room". Hugh Moore and then Bill Buckley were my principals, and the children included Evelyn Cochran, "Teeny", "Sis", "Buck" and Juanita Howard, Grace, Dot, and Betty Rogers, Doris, Dorothy, and Margaret Miller; "Sis" and Junior Holley; Claude Auldridge; George Duncan; Junior Jackson (expert in Mathematics); Guy Kellison— (excellent student); Fay and Fred Morrison; Eddie Palmer; Dempsey and Walter Mc Neill; Harry and Ernestine Cutlip; Ruth and Florence Auldridge; James and Russell Phillips, and all the rest.

At Buckeye school we had festivals and pie suppers and Christmas trees and cake walks. At noon and recess we played "Prisoner's Base", "Run, Sheep, Run", "Pretty Girl Station", "Go in and out the Window", and stick ball.

The old school house is a ruin now, and the bell has gone from its proud white tower. But for us it still rings out across the village in the sweet September mornings, and all the children come running to line up for flag salute. Then we march in to our seats and stand there to sing "America", "My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty . . . ." Then we bow our heads at the last verse and sing it very softly, "Our father's God to thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing . . . ."

In Feb. 1938, when I had saved enough money for tuition, I resigned my job and went to Miami University of Ohio to work on my M.A. degree. Since then, I have returned only briefly —to visit, to spend a few weeks at the Miller Place (purchased 1941), or to teach college extension courses up at town. But in a very deep sense, the Pocahontas earth is still under my "bootsoles". It was a good world to grow up in, and I am grateful to have known it and to have drawn from its strength.

Louise McNeill
April 14, 1976
Coventry, Conn. 06238

The following news item was found among my papers on "G.D.". The rest of the item cannot be located at this time. ?GLV 10-26-76.

Since coming back to the farm, Dr. McNeill has devoted some of his time to writing and research. He is a prolific writer and during his career in the legal and teaching professions has produced many articles for teachers' publications, newspapers and magazines. He is also the author of a book entitled, "The Last Forest", and the West Virginia section of the civics book now used in the elementary schools of West Virginia.

There are two outstanding things that have happened to Dr. McNeill for which he is extremely proud, which he says have never been published before.

The first was when he was serving in the navy and was selected from all the personnel in the Brooklyn Navy Yard to give a speech of appreciation and present a loving cup to Helen Gould, daughter of Jay Gould, for the fine home which she presented to the Navy for use as a Y. M. C. A. At that time the building was so pretentious that it had the largest staircase in the world.

The second honor which came to Dr. McNeill was while he was teaching at Davis and Elkins College at the time the Air Force cadets were training there. Dr. McNeill taught geography and tried to help the Air Force profit from what he had learned about people and customs on his trip around the world. One night he was invited to dinner with the boys, thinking it was a faculty and student meeting.

The Last Visit

'Twas a cold and blustery fall day in November 1963 when I made what turned out to be my last visit with "G. D.," on his farm below Buckeye, as on all my trips home these visits were a must.

A gentle "Come in," answered my knock. When entering "G.D." started to stand until I spoke—recognizing my voice with a warm "Come in, have a chair."

Then I realized that he was almost blind. I sat in a rocking chair near him close to the fireplace. Soon the topics of the day were past and we settled down to talk and rock. There were many periods of silence as we reached far back in our minds to recall places both had visited and had memories of.

Now and again the logs in the fireplace would drop a burnt ember sending sparks up the chimney as though to prove something in the room was alive.

Two old sailors—the teacher and his retired grade school student. We spoke of flying fish, porpoise playing tag around the bow at eighteen knots. Storms and calms, Northern Lights, sunsets on the equator, Pizaros glass coffin in Lima, Peru, the Pampas of Argentina, ships stores, tar and caulking hemp, belaying pins and marlin spikes, Jacobs ladder and the crows nest, flag hoists and yardarms—two block then execute.

Some thousands of miles west and we were in the South Pacific working our way north on the Asia coast and experiences on the China station. Crossing equator, King Neptune and Davy Jones Locker—becoming a shellback. More silence and then we moved from coal to oil burning ships, ships with composite hulls, steel covered with wood which was then covered with copper to retard fouling, barnacles and sea moss.

We had gunnery exercises off the west coast of Mexico and visits on the United States west coast. Ships with mangers on berth decks to clean chain as anchor was being weighed.

Out of nowhere "G. D." said, "It's a long way from the Fo'c'sle to midships to an officers stateroom aft, but you made it without college—must have been some hard work and study. Maury's charts and Knight's navigational aids and seamanship. I can recall few students I have known that could equal your record." I stammered my thanks and said work and more work—yes, studies, too.

I put a small log on the fire while we just rocked—going back home soon—tomorrow I answered and the hour is late and I must be going. "Always nice to have you drop in, Vaughan, come back soon." We shook hands, no goodbys or farewells. We had sailed oceans in the space of a handful of minutes.

As I walked down to the car, little did I know that this would be our last visit. When I heard of his passing I prayed that a gentle breeze would come off the mountains to the west and carry his spirit across the seas to the Highlands.

"G. D." died Sunday, March 22, 1964.

TAPS

Taps: There it sounds with
its quivering note,
Like a voice full of tears or a
sob in the throat
That saddest and sweetest
most beautiful call
How its notes hold the
music, in rise and in fall

Whenever I hear it I think
of the day
When for me they shall
sound it and I far away
And I Pray that they'll say,
"He has fought a good
fight,"
As the Trumpeter's bugle
is saying Good Night

By: Midshipman Wm. N.
Porter, Deceased.

—Glenn L. Vaughan
History Collection 1976

* This line should have been.
"We had sailed thousands of miles of the worlds oceans
in the space of a handful of minutes." G.L.V.

"Let us get on with the business of a State Government that serves the people."

Teaching in One Room Schools

The following article is from the Pocahontas Times of August 5, 1898. The author is not given but the article was probably written by Andrew Price.

Teachers and Things

Does a teacher have to confront a condition or a fact, we ask in a dramatic way in the words of a rising young novelist. This reminds us of the way they theorize in the training schools, shaping young persons to teach and filling them chock full of ideas and ideals. The novice who has been taught sees the smooth current of the stream down which he is to travel but not the rocks beneath the surface.

Nearly every one who has risen from among the people to assume prominence as a public man or a public deadbeat has taught. Nearly every child has a desire for teaching bred into him as he sits day after day under the control of his teacher, who is the monarch of all he surveys. A great many teachers get bravely over their desire to teach, but it hangs to some. It seems bred to the bone.

Professor D. L. Barlow, County Superintendent, from whose pen we published a typical article last week, is a good example of one confirmed in the habit of teaching. He lays awake at night planning how he can impart information by making a point plain.

In Pocahontas the school teacher receives an appalling amount of attention, and the people of the neighborhood watch him like hawks. This is very flattering when the teacher succeeds in pleasing those who exercise this surveillance, but as a rule it causes much irritation to the teacher and therefore interferes with his good work. When the country at large have their eyes upon the doings of Congress, and are grumbling and growling about high taxes and lavish appropriations, our average school patron is making the neighborhood too hot to hold the school teacher.

The first school that I taught was in a truly rural district, and I entered on the work with the feeling that I had reached the very acme of my ambition. The longer I taught the more I chafed under the conditions confronting those who indulged in teaching, and I did as the majority do—fled the scene, and let another take my place who goes to his work in a blissful state of ignorance.

Those who have never taught have no idea of the finesse requirements to teach a school.

My first school was what is known as a success. That is, I taught to the last day of the term with an average attendance, but I had trouble. People talked about me. Some said I taught too many hours and others too few. I was too strict and too mild. They complained that I had never whipped anybody and that young ones needed to be whipped with the same regularity that cattle should be salted. I whipped a boy for a petty offense to quiet this rumor, and expected to bushwhacked for weeks. I kept the schoolroom too hot; I kept it too cold. I let the children starve to death for water; I had the children carrying water half the time. One old clod compeller complained that I did not teach from six to six.

These are only a few of the many complaints that rose throughout the neighborhood on account of my mismanagement. I never dared to do or say anything without weighing the con-

sequences and thinking how it would sound. One set would tell me what another set said, and I was overwhelmed and vexed with the cares of state.

One of the worst troubles I got into was caused by the introduction of calisthenics, which are "light gymnastics suitable for and adapted to girls, designed to promote grace and health." The children took to them wonderfully well, and I would have my little gang of twenty or so fling their arms in unison, and it made an agreeable change in school work. But the little scamps soon saw a way to utilize the exercise. When their mother wanted a back-log cut, why the teacher had put him through such violent exercise he was so stiff and sore that he couldn't get his coat off. And the girls were the same way.

Pretty soon there was a corn-shucking, and the brutal treatment by the teacher was discussed in all its phases. I was notified that I would have to stop abusing the children. I did not comply as I had found out the best plan to pursue was not to weaken. One evening a trustee came spying around, and when I put the team through their exercises he had to admit that it was about as heavy work as shaking hands.

After this it gradually dawned on the old folks that the young ones were a-doing of them, and the next plaint was naturally that I did not whip enough. I thought there might be some justice in this myself; and shortly after one of the boys whose arms had suffered most from calisthenics gave me an opening, and nerving myself to the desperate deed, I cut a twig and brushed him. I scared him very much and hurt him very little, and the school was tremendously impressed and the neighborhood pleased, but some complications arose with his immediate connections. The whipping evidently did him good, for he grew up and lately distinguished himself by licking a man fifty pounds heavier than he. We hope this is partly due to his early training.

The greatest forte a schoolteacher can have is to make himself solid with the children. If the school interests them they will come, if it bores them they will not, for the children rule the roost. Therefore the schoolteacher should provide lots of Noah's Arks; Punch and Judy shows; unlimited supply of candy and lickerish; picture books, and other things to make the school attractive and not like home. I offered a dollar on the first day of school for the pupil who attended the most days. The school was nearly out and there were two children, a boy and girl, about eight years old, who had not missed a day. On the last Thursday the little boy was sick, and the little girl looked at him constantly, hoping he would be too sick to come out next day. The next morning found him much worse, but he managed to reach the schoolhouse and everybody gloried in his spunk. He made no attempt to study or recite. We had gathered all the girls' shawls and made him a bed on the bench, and he lay there all day the sickest child I have ever seen. He was game to the last and received the half dollar that was his with the greatest complacence.

We feel that the school teacher is poorly paid in Pocahontas, but it is nevertheless true that we are paying too much school tax. It would be better if there were half the number of schools. —1898

Note:- My Father, Elijah Burrell Vaughan taught school at huntersville from 1896 to the Spring of 1899. G.L.V.

An Acrostic on Mill Point
Pocahontas County
West Virginia

Mirrored in beauty,
Inviting in charms,
Lies the village of Mill Point
Linked among farms.

Purling around foothills
On Stamping Creek flows
Invading the flour mills,
Near where the willow grows
To turn the old mill wheels.

Pure and limpid flow the streams
Out of the hills beyond,
Caught in a mesh of day dreams
and beauty all around.
Heaven's dome is brooding
Over a scene so fair,
Nature's heart is thrilling
touched by the vibrant air

A sunset hush steals o'er the land
Soothed by a Father's tender hand.
Crimson clouds float softly
Over a sky so blue.
Unfolding Nature's symphony
Night birds call to you.
Turn from toil to your homesteads
Yeomen tried and true!
West in the Blue Spring fens
Exquisite fern leaves grow
Swaying on graceful stems
Turning to and fro.

Views from Cliffside
Invite arrest, and lure,
Romance and mystery abide
Goodness and mercy endure.
Innumerable footpaths lead,
Near and far they stray,
Into valley and mead
Across the hills and away

The first part of this poem was written before the State Road was built.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 28, 1976

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on October 25.

The Board approved the following special uses of school facilities:

Junior Girl Scout Troop 857 to use a Green Bank classroom one day a week for a first aid course during November and December.

Virginia—West Virginia Crime Clinic to use Marlinton Cafeteria on November 10 for a dinner.

Hillsboro PTA to use Hillsboro Cafeteria and auditorium on November 8 for a dinner and play.

The Board voted to accept the resignation of Marvin Waugh as a custodian at Marlinton Elementary School.

The Board voted to terminate the contract of Johnny Nelson as bus driver.

The Board approved evaluation forms for service and auxiliary personnel and directed these evaluations to be completed a minimum of four times a year (teacher evaluation forms and procedures were approved several years ago).

The Board accepted a bid in the amount of $7200 from Mitchell Chevrolet Company for a new dump truck cab and chassis. One other bid was received for $7700.

The next regular Board meeting will be November 8.

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1st. book for writer.
2nd. book for Editor Times
3rd. book for Anna Fisher
4th. book for Meade Waugh's family collection.

It is hoped that the following pages will be about the one room school houses of Pocahontas County. This is very doubtful as all the early school records were destroyed by fire. However we are doing the best we can with the help of a few interested former teachers and students.

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EARLY SCHOOLS OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY

WHERE ARE THEY?

In an article from the Pocahontas Independent of March 21, 1912 brought to the Pocahontas Times Office by Alice Waugh. This article was written by then Superintendent of Pocahontas County Schools, Mr. B.B. Williams. This was a published letter to the public entitled, "Pocahontas Teachers Lack Preparation".

The letter contained many suggestions and although is quite lengthly my mention is this:- There were one hundred and ten(110) schools or grounds but only thirteen (13) were fenced, and only thr out of every four pupils in the county were in school. Teachers certification, libraries, etc. will not be brought up in this item.

How can we reason or believe that in what is now Pocahontas County we can locate the homesites of over ninety percent of our forfathers who fought in the Revolutionary War from the Point to Yorktown over two hundred years ago and now in 1976 are unable or not care about the names and locations of the old one to four room schools, Teachers, students etc., for the past fifty to seventyfiv years

The counties High schools are well taken care of themselves thr their school Year Books. Would suggest that the County Museum obtain at least two copies of each year from the old E.D.H.S. Hillsboro, Greenbank and now Pocahontas County High School. They should be kept in two separate locations so a fire that destroyed the old one room schools, would not completely wipe out their records.

Due to a fire that destroyed the records of the old schools to make a complete list now would be next to impossible - but let us try.

The following list are a few of the names that have been in the Pocahontas Times during the past eighteen months so please write abot about your early schooling, classmates, grades in, name and location of schools - teachers and where they stayed. Conduct of student bodies - games played at recess - did you carry lunch or lived close enough to go home.

If you can only remember the name and location of the school and a teacher together with the year - you will be amazed at what you can remember - and what a help with other reports perhaps an entire class or school can be brought together. PLEASE TRY.

Some names that should be able to start the ball rolling.

Mr. James D. Lannan, Supt. of Schools.
Mr. Charles Moore, Former Supt.

Claude E. McLaughlin
Vera Ritchie

Mary Isetta Wallace
John McNeel

Charles H. Sharp
Julia Price (Edray)

Mrs. Dempsey Johnson, Former Beulah Palmer
Douthards creek and Woodrow. Her sister Clara.

Mrs Oliver Sprouse
Cathleen (May) Vaughan, Raywood.

Ada Vaughan
Sidney Goodwin's family.

Mr. F.M. Sutton
Sue Cromwer

Mary Cromer
Enid Harper

All Beverages of Knapps Creek and Huntersville
B. Nelson.

Fleeta Lang, Watoga.
Any Coyner of Clover Lick

B.J. Lauster
Geraldine Haupt, Cass, Sister of Clari.E.D.H.S Football Star.

Glen L. Vaughan
[illegible] Ave.
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Any Gibson or Sharp from Slaty Fork.
Nancy Currance

Alice McClintic Moore.
Polly Smith Reynolds.

Members of all the many family reunions held yearly throughout the county. Any item no matter how small. All duplications will be printed side by side to help make a complete description.

When completed these records will be placed in two places in Pocahontas County - the Museum and one in the Library system of the county. However would recommend that they never be removed from their respective buildings but should be read in their home buildings.

Any item would help and all would be handled as you want them to be. There will be a total of four copies and if you cannot type your letters please write plain - any how send anything you have or can remember. Everything would be appreciated.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 2, 1976

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on August 24. The following were hired as substitute cooks:

High School— Ethel Stewart, Alice Kesler, Shirley Welder;

Durbin— Dottie Colaw;

Green Bank— Media Rexrode, Creola Brubaker, Mable McCarty;

Marlinton— Jean Mc Kenney, Martha Carpenter;

Hillsboro— Nellie Arbogast, Annabelle Perkins, Annie F. Rock.

Allen D. Stewart was employed as Principal of the Durbin Elementary School for the 1976-77 school year.

The following were employed as substitute teachers for the 1976-77 school year: Peter M. Beuttell, Stella Callison, Dwight Diller, Wallace F. Dorn, Macel K. Harris, Virgil B. Harris, Bonnie N. Hill, Garnet B. Hoover, David C. Hyer, Debora Johnson, Lynn Kerr, Hope H. Mallow, Virginia G. Mason, Edith E. May, Carrie Morrison, Marie H. Parg, Ruth F. Riley, Deborah Rinaldi, David B. Rittenhouse, Sandra Woods Saffer, Robert A. Sheets, Orda H. Smith, Linda S. Snyder, Elizabeth Swift, Gretchen Terry, Vere Bly Tracy, Ada W. Vaughan, Alice Rowan Waugh, Carol Young.

David B. Rittenhouse and W. Sherman Beard were employed as Attendance Directors for the 1976-77 school year.

The request of Robert Keller to use the High School cafeteria for the Pocahontas Agriculture Grassland and Field Day on September 9 was approved.

The Board approved a bid from the Pilot Life Insurance Company for the optional accident insurance policy which is available to students. The cost will be $4.50 per student.

Jo Ann Williams was employed as Special Education Aide at Green Bank and Janet L. Shank as a Special Education Aide at the High School for the 1976-77 school year.

Sarah Jane Irvine was employed as an Early Childhood Aide at Marlinton for the 1976-77 school year.

The Board approved a policy on the release of information concerning students to the public which is printed elsewhere in this paper.

The Board approved changing the regular meeting night for Board meetings from the second and fourth Tuesdays to the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, September 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Public Notice

The following Resolution was adopted by the Pocahontas County Board of Education.

The Pocahontas County Board of Education will release for publicity reasons so-called directory information. This will include statistical information, i.e., honor roll students, statistics for athletes, such as height, weight, age, name, etc.

This action will be expedited unless public or parental objections are voiced.

School Calendar 1976-77

School Months for year 1976-77 will begin and end on the following dates:	No. of days in school months
FIRST MONTH - August 30, 1976 through September 24, 1976	14
(August 30 - Teachers meet at each school)	
(August 31 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - County Wide Meeting at Pocahontas County High School)	
(September 1, 2, and 3 - In-Service at each school)	
(September 6 - Labor Day, holiday - Not to be made up)	
[September 7 - First Day of school for students]	
SECOND MONTH - September 27, 1976 through October 22, 1976	20
THIRD MONTH - October 25, 1976 through November 19, 1976	17
(November 2 - Election Day, holiday - Not to be made up)	
(November 9 - End of first quarter - 45 days)	
(November 11 - Veterans' Day, holiday - Not to be made up)	
(November 12 - Teachers' Workday - No school for students)	
FOURTH MONTH - November 22, 1976 through December 20, 1976	18
(November 22 - Teachers' Workday - No school for students)	
(November 25 - Thanksgiving, holiday - Not to be made up)	
(November 26 - No school - To be made up)	
FIFTH MONTH - December 21, 1976 through January 21, 1977	18
(December 23 - Last day of school before Christmas Vacation)	
(December 24 through December 31 - Christmas vacation)	
December 24 - Christmas, holiday - Not to be made up)	
(December 31 - New Year, holiday - Not to be made up)	
(January 3, 1977 - Return to school)	
SIXTH MONTH - January 24, 1977 through February 18, 1977	19
(January 26 - End of second quarter - 45 days)	
(January 28 - Teachers' Workday - No school for students)	
SEVENTH MONTH - February 21, 1977 through March 18, 1977	20
EIGHTH MONTH - March 21, 1977 through April 19, 1977	19
(March 31 - End of third quarter - 45 days)	
(April 1 - Teachers' Workday - No school for students)	
(April 8 and 11 - Spring vacation - To be made up)	
NINTH MONTH - April 20, 1977 through May 17, 1977	20
TENTH MONTH - May 18, 1977 through June 14, 1977	15
(May 30 - Memorial Day, holiday - Not to be made up)	
(June 8 - Last day for students)	
(June 8 - End of fourth quarter - 45 days)	
(June 9, 10, 13, and 14 - Teachers' Workdays)	
(June 14 - Last day for teachers)	
TOTAL DAYS SCHOOL IN SESSION	180
LEGAL HOLIDAYS	7
TEACHERS' IN-SERVICE DAYS	13
TOTAL DAYS IN SCHOOL TERM	200

Hill Reunion

The 27th Annual Richard Hill Family Reunion was held August 15, at Droop Mountain State Park. Due to rain the morning program was somewhat delayed. But despite the rain, brave people wore rain coats and carried umbrellas. Mr. Grady Moore, of Marlinton, has a very inspiring Memorial Service. Flowers were placed as names were read of Hill relatives who are deceased since last reunion. Hymns were sung by the Hill Reunion Group and two special songs by Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hilleary, accompanied by Linda Hill VanReenen at the organ.

Bountiful tables of food were spread and table grace was given by Rev. Sherman Markley.

The afternoon program started off late but with much enthusiasm with several hymns by the Hill group and a special by the Hillearys. Sam Hill introduced the afternoon speaker, David Hyer, Executive Director of the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Foundation.

Plans were made to donate $25. to the Martha Davis Bible Fund and to place a bronze marker on the Richard Hill Homestead site.

Officers and Committeemen were re-elected for 1976-77.

Oldest Hill relative present - Roy Mace of Weston, 92 years; youngest - Timothy Eugene, 7 week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adkins, of Lookout; oldest married couple - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., 58 years; newly weds - Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. VanReenen, of Hillsboro, 14 months; largest family - Mrs. Lemma Boggs, Hillsboro, 6 children; traveling greatest distance - Bradley Lee Eckert, Boulder, Colorado, 1600 miles. Those receiving silver dollars were: Stephanie McCoy, of Hillsboro; Bonnie Hill, Durbin; Fredda Brown, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Andy Taylor, Dunmore; Ruth C. Cutlip, Hillsboro; Ward Hill, La Porte, Ind.; Mrs. Herbert Hill, Petersburg, Va.; Faye Good, Forest Hill, Md.; Teanna McMillion, Christianburg, Va.; Martin McMillion, Christianburg, Va. Candy and buble gum were given all children under 12

The meeting was adjourned by singing "Blest Be the Tie" — to meet again next year same time, same place, August 16, 1977.

Attending the reunion from out of state: Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hamrick, and daughter, Michigan; Ward Hill, La Porte, Ind.; Carolyn Hill Morrison and sons, John and Keith, and Mark Wilford, Columbus, Ohio; Denzil Williams, Toledo, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Good and Marion Lawrence, Forest Hill, Md.; Mrs. Virginia Scotten, Churchville, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine Hill, Joyce and Larry, Baltimore, Md.; Kenneth and Fredda Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Young, Wellsville, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bruffey, Bel Air, Md.; Ivor Bruffey, Kingsville, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hill, Petersburg, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Joyce, Orda Jane, Charles, and Clarence, Bluefield, Va.; Fred, Margy, and Brian Poteet, Virginia Beach, Va.; Bob, Patti and Christy Pedigo, Manassas, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Martin McMillion, Teanna and Myra, Christiansburg, Va.; Mrs. Lucille Pedigo, Covington, Va.; Bradley Lee Eckert, Boulder, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Plybon, of Barboursville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hockenberry over the weekend. They also attended the State Fair.

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Pioneer Days—July 8-10, '77

Schools

Schools open for Pocahontas County teachers next Monday. They meet in their respective schools on August 30. On Tuesday there is a county-wide meeting of the teachers at the High School. The program includes the introduction of new teachers, comments by school staff, meetings of ACT, CEA and Service and Auxiliary Personnel. After lunch a representative from the textbook company will discuss math textbooks and three men will explain the new State insurance plan.

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Our say

Remember 1984 only 8 years away

EVERYONE knows that today's high school and college students often graduate with deficient reading and writing skills, but not all of us appreciate the future impact of such deficiencies.

It has always been difficult to sort out the cause-effect relationship between language and thought, but some scholars have come down on the side of George Orwell in his apocolyptic novel, "1984." The terrible future sketched by Orwell is populated by citizens whose every thought is limited and controlled by the government-approved language, called Newspeak. The theory behind Newspeak is the crushing of individual thought by creating a language so narrow and empty that people can no longer express, or even imagine, concepts alien to the wishes of the state.

No one seriously expects such a future for this country, but by the year 1984 we may very well have a generation of functionally illiterate citizens who can express only the most basic mental functions. If thought can be limited by language, as in the bleak world of Orwell's 1984, then we have reason to doubt the ability of the upcoming generation to face the difficult world of the future.

Those of us living today will have to turn this world over to that generation well before we die, so we should look carefully at the education system which is producing tomorrow's leaders. Just as a builder is limited by the quality of his tools, our young people are constrained by poor reading and writing skills. To build for the future, we need articulate, informed citizens. 1984 is only eight years away.

U.S. Forest Service

Vandals have again been at work damaging and destroying public property on the Gauley Ranger District of the Monongahela National Forest. The Red Oak Fire Tower which has been maintained for emergency fire detection and forest communication throughout the Cranberry Back Country and Wilderness Study Area and for use by the W. Va. DNR in their bear tracking program has just recently received such unwarranted destruction.

The electrical service box and wiring have been torn out and damaged beyond repair with the cabin's interior electrical heaters stolen. Locks have been broken to gain entry to the tower cabin with contents of the cabin thrown about. The tower was to have been in use as a communication post during the National Girl Scout Encampment to be held here in Mid June.

Picnic tables have been damaged in the Woodbine Picnic Area and along the Cranberry River with a table recently being thrown off of the Cranberry River bridge. A bulletin board has been busted off at the base at Woodbine Picnic Area with litter scattered throughout the area by dumping of the garbage cans. Several garbage containers and picnic tables have been stolen along the Cranberry and Williams River Concentrated Use Areas.

Continued vandalism of the Summit Lake Shelter beyond repair has necessitated the removal of the facility. The structure's floor had been burned out twice after replacement with the last burning weakening the structure making it unsafe for further public use.

The public is reminded that such acts of vandalism is destroying public property which is provided for by the taxpayers. With the rising costs, such facilities are becoming more and more costly to repair or replace. One picnic table for example costs $150.00 to build. Though it is made to last a long time under reasonable and intended use, vandals can destroy one in one escapade.

Theft or vandalism of one table eliminates the use that another family or group of 5 may have had use in seeking pleasing outdoor recreation experience in the National Forest.

Citizens witnessing such acts of vandalism are requested to get any information they can and report the incident to the nearest Federal Forest Officer, DNR Conservation Officer, or the District Ranger Station.

Destruction of government property is a violation of Title 18, United States Code 1361 and shall be punished as follows: If the damage to such property exceeds the sum of $100, by a fine of not more than $10,000 or imprisonment for not more than ten years, or both; if the damage to such property does not exceed the sum of $100, by a fine of not more than $1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

Pioneer Home Sites Located

Below is a list of the locations of the sites of homes of the pioneers of Pocahontas County that Sam Hill has received to date. Sam reports that interest in locating and recording the home sites of the early pioneer settlers of the Revolutionary War period seems to be increasing so keep the letters coming. They are all informative. It is interesting to note that more than half of those received to date are from people living out of the County, so we local folks need to get busy.

A decision must soon be reached as to the type and cost of marker to be placed on the public road near each site. A decision on the part of the descendants of each pioneer as to placing a bronze plaque on the site must also be made.

This project will be the main topic for the next meeting of the Pocahontas County Historical Society on June 28. It is hoped a decision on the type of markers can be made then.

In the following list the name of pioneer is given, the home site, and the name of the person sending the information.

Bradshaw, John—Knapps Creek, above Huntersville—Glenn L. Vaughan.

Buckley, Joshua—East side of Greenbrier River, opposite mouth of Swago Creek—Ralph B. Buckley.

Burner, (Abraham) Abram—river from Hermitage Motel, Bartow down—Eugene Burner.

Collins, John—Hosterman between Durbin and Cass off Back Mountain Road—Goldie Collins, Baltimore.

Conrad, John H.—North Fork Road from Green Bank, 1/4 mile from Orndorff home—Marie Leist.

Cooper, James—2 miles east of Green Bank on Wesley Chapel Road where Audrey Patterson house stands. Cooper's Run flows through old farm, joining Deer Creek below Green Bank—Hubert Taylor.

Gay, Robert—On left side of road going to Pocahontas Fairground—Frances M. Williams.

Gillispie, Jacob—East of Green Bank, later owned by James Gillispie, now owned by Delbert Gillispie—Hubert Taylor.

Hanna, David—Old Field Fork of Elk River—Veo P. Hanna

Hill, Richard—Hill's Creek—Johnnie B. Hill.

Hudson, Richard—Headwaters of Sitlington's Creek, cabin about 50 feet below old barn on Taylor's farm on Galford's Creek near Dunmore—Hubert Taylor.

Lightner, Peter—14 miles from Marlinton on Knapps Creek between old Dever place and Dr. Roland Sharp—Charlcie Beverage Snider.

Kennison, Charles—On Lobelia road, across from Harlan Kennison—Harlan Kennison.

McNeel, John—Short distance south of present residence of Richard McNeel—Richard I. McNeel.

Moore, Moses—Knapps Creek below Frost—Grady Moore.

Nottingham, William, Sr.—Homesite approximately 400 yards above "Hevener Scales" on land now owned by Layton L. Tharp (old Neil Hevener farm)—Forest Wooddell.

Nottingham, William, Jr.—Sam Barlow place, now owned by Jay Rockefeller—Forrest Wooddell.

Sutton, John, Jr—Settled on Gillispie farm, 2 miles S. E. of Green Bank, where old Ed Hudson house now stands—Hubert Taylor.

Taylor, Ludy—Galford's Creek, east of Dunmore, located where present home of Charles Jack Taylor stands—Hubert Taylor.

Warwick, Jacob—Clover Lick, on John Coyner farm—John Coyner.

Wooddell, Joseph—Adjacent to home of Belle T. Wooddell and Forrest Wooddell—Forrest Wooddell.

East Rainelle, W.Va.
March 1 - 1960

Dear Anna

I received the two
to from you and Dan, and I
glad to hear from you.
e home from the hospital now
feel real good most of the time
have some bad days.
Trouble is my stomache, and
Supposed to go back to the
little after the first of April
a small operation
ent- over there for X-Rays of my
ache, the doctors said the opening
my stomache was to small
my food to digest- and go through
said they could help me with a
ll operation. They said they did a
of that- and it- wasn't a serious
ration at all. I cant- let- much
Way it- is so think I let- them do it.
Lake Saint said there was no Cancer
That- is what- I worried about-
also no Ulcers.
how is your Mother and- there
Snow piled on top of Snow

re snow than we have had
years, It hasn't been to cold
winter only at times the wind
was so hard and piles the snow
To day is real pretty, the sun
shining and the snow is melting.
hope Lepers Soon it goes off.
Nellie and Jane are in Fla.
think they are coming home this
week They went down two weeks ago.
Ellen is Grandma now, Jerry
s youngest boy has been married
years to day They have a little
girl four months old.
have great grandma three times
d expecting one more the first
April Nellie has two grand
children and when Ruth Ellen's baby
is here, she will have three.
me and Mary Lowell both have
wo Mary lives in California and
will lives in the State of Washi-
ton at Derby and three boys
Will Uncle Will is doing pretty
ll This winter. He has to walk with
Cane. Well I'll close for now
you all come out this Summer be sure
come to see us. Write & get to (over)

feeling better, & am going to
spend a week with Tinta-
Will and Bud got along
keeping house while I was gone
so I am going to let them
again. Will to me soon
I feel. Dan Hills, and I guess
Elizabeth is in school.

Love
Aunt Mattie

We live in East-Ra
Nov.